









We salute . . . Charles G. Alderman

By GARY WADE

Charles G. (Chuck) Alderman would be proud to hear that his physical ability was the source of his friendship.

Chuck has cerebral palsy which has forced him into a wheelchair for most of his 46 years. A spinal operation in February 1974 robbed him of any movement in his legs or arms.

Those handicaps mean nothing to Chuck's hundreds of friends in Van Elton. He is admired as the man who formed the first Little League baseball team in the village.

More than 300 youngsters turned out to honor Chuck on June 28. He was presented a trophy proclaiming him the Number One Citizen in Van Elton. Despite the hard times, fellow residents dug down and came up with more than \$300 which Chuck can use as he pleases.

Van Elton is a small village. It takes a lot to convert more than 300 of its residents to a single purpose on a warm summer afternoon.

It takes more than the accomplishment of founding a baseball league. It requires a person who is warm, who listens well and who chooses to ignore personal adversity in favor of concern for the well-being of his friends.

"There isn't a better citizen in town," said Willis J. Grover, local service station operator "Charles's every body's friend."

Chuck doesn't have a man bone in his body, says Grover. "He can make you proud when you're down in the dumps."

Grover is one of many residents who "grow up" with Chuck. A gift shop once operated by Chuck was the gathering place for local beer-drinkers. Grover recalled.

Baseball was a favorite topic and the order of the day was to stump Chuck on



Charles G. Alderman

some little-known statistics.

"I couldn't be done," said Grover. "Charles can go back to 1941 and name the starting lineups of every team in the majors."

Chuck is "100 per cent of a great guy—anything for the kids," said George W. Nelson, president of the Van Elton Youth Athletic Association. "I love the job."

"He's been one of the big innovators in Van Elton boys' sports," said Nicholas Marchese, recently retired Spencer-Van Elton School District principal. Marchese recalls when Chuck coached a junior high basketball team at the former Van Elton High School.

"It was remarkable the way he could get attention from kids and run the game from a wheelchair," said Marchese.

A native of West Virginia, Chuck has lived in Van Elton for 22 years. His

mother died in 1948 and Chuck's father, Lawrence D., has devoted most of his life to caring for his son.

The idea for Little League in Van Elton was born on a summer afternoon in 1961 while Chuck watched a group of boys "loving around with a bat and ball."

He suggested they return the following afternoon with more boys and form a team. "You bring the bats and I'll supply the balls," Chuck told them.

With Chuck at the coaching helm, the Van Elton team beat them 3-1 in its first game. The uniforms were donated and T-shirts.

A year later, the Van Elton Boys' Baseball Association was formed with Chuck as its first president.

The association folded one boys' and one girls' team that year.

Today, the league consists of four boys' and four girls' teams for 8-12-year-olds. There is also a travel league team for the younger kids and a two-day team for 11- to 15-year-old boys.

Physical limitations forced Chuck to give up active participation after a decade of service. A long-time sports correspondent for the Spencer-Neville, Chuck was forced to give up typing when paralysis stilled his large hands.

But Chuck's devoted father still wheels his son around town for chats with friends. Children still flock to the Alderman porch at 28 Front St. to chat and help Chuck in his reading by turning the pages of his book.

Chuck maintains an active interest in the town's youth activities. He can bring you up to date on the latest news.

After all, it wouldn't do for the Number One man in town to fall behind on his responsibilities.

CHARLES ALDERMAN HONORED AT GOIN AWAY PARTY.

Charles "Chuck" Alderman was given a surprise farewell party at the Van Elton Central School on Thursday evening, April 23, when around 150 neighbors, friends and schoolmates gathered in the school auditorium. Chuck is going to the Haverstraw Hospital for treatments and plans to leave this week. He has been the proprietor of a gift shop in Van Elton for the past four or five years, taking care of his trade from his wheelchair.

A pal to young and old alike, he will be greatly missed but it is hoped that the treatments will prove a success and Chuck will be back among his friends in the near future.

A pures of money was given him from those present and many who could not attend. Thomas Veeney, President of the Student Council of Van Elton Central School made the presentation. Beverly Koop fitted the carnation on his coat as he entered the auditorium.

Dancing, games and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Out of town guests were Mrs. and Mrs. Harry Shepard of Elmira. Mr. Shepard is president of the Polio organization.

Mrs. Leo Yeater of Candor, President of the Cerebral Palsy Association and Mr. Harold DeYoung of Ithaca also associated with the group.

The Van Elton Central School student Council Association with the assistance of Mrs. Everett Rodman, sponsored the party.

Good Luck Chuck and come back to Van Elton soon.

Friend in Alderman

by Carla Hallett

Who's that man in the wheelchair we always see around school? Why, that's Charles (Chuck) Alderman, an old friend of the school.

He has been confined to his wheelchair forty-one years with cerebral palsy. But with the help of the Benjamin boys for eleven years and Jerry Harris, he gets around.

Mr. Alderman lives in Van Elton with his father. He has a sister in New York and a brother in California.

He went through the tenth grade. Most of his education was obtained in rehabilitation centers in Cockeysville, Maryland, and at West Haverstraw, N. Y. He also attended Van Elton Central for one year.

Moving to Van Elton in 1942, he began writing the sports column in 1966. He began coaching junior high basketball and baseball in 1968. When Spencer and Van Elton merged, he had junior high baseball for one year.

Mr. Alderman presently writes up school games and town news in the SPENCER-NEVILLE. Baseball is his favorite sport, and he finds it the easiest sport to write up.

He's very interested in school activities and young people. The kids have always been kind and thoughtful to him. He said they have done more for him than he could ever do for them.

He finds the new school most important for the kids and thought it should have been done several years ago. He said we should be proud of it and take full advantage of it. He also thought it would make the teachers' work easier, and thus the kids would benefit.

"I'm very impressed with the auditorium and the gym. And I've never seen anything like the library," Mr. Alderman commented.

He doesn't care too much for the rock and roll music but enjoys country.

He doesn't think many handicapped people get the opportunities he has had over the past two or three years. He says it's due to the wonderful people of the community, but actually the community is lucky to have such a wonderful man around.

We Get Letters

Dear Editor:

In response to the article, "Friend in Alderman," I would like to tell about the four years I helped the man in the wheelchair.

I started working for Mr. Alderman in seventh grade when my brother stopped working for him. At first, it was a strange thing to me, but after working for him for about a month, I had learned some things that few people know about him.

During the first two years of working for Chuck, I found out that he would try to help me with some of my problems. The last two years were fun for me, since I was able to give someone else help rather than asking for help all the time.

There have been times that we were thinking on the same line. Many times I found myself doing things by what people might call an instinct for Chuck. Most of my Friday nights were taken up with him and sports, so I was with him then.

I have enjoyed our partnership. I have hopes that nearly everyone feels the same about this friend in the wheelchair.

I would like to say thanks to Mr. Chuck Alderman. He is a true friend.

J. E. Benjamin



Field Dedicated in Van Etten

Chuck Alderman, a resident of Van Etten for 24 years, gets a Baltimore Orioles baseball cap (above) from attorney William Gallow during ceremonies for field in Van Etten which was dedicated in his honor on Sunday. Alderman, who has been an Oriole fan since the team had a farm club in Elmira, formed the first Little League in Van Etten in 1957. He coached at the junior high there from 1957-67, and he also coached a Babe Ruth League team. Alderman has worked with handicapped youth for most of his life; below, Gallow speaks at Alderman's achievements during ceremonies. Journal Photos by George Clay.



Van Etten Field Named for Man In Wheel Chair All His Life

A Van Etten man, confined in the instructional television to a wheelchair all of his life

was honored by the Spencer Van Etten Central School board of education recently when the board approved naming the Van Etten athletic field the "Chuck Alderman Field."

Charles Alderman became handicapped in the youth of Van Etten many years ago and has devoted countless hours to helping them. An avid sports fan, he attends all sports activities of the Spencer Van Etten School and for many years wrote sports articles for the school newspaper.

When Spencer and Vandlen combined their two schools into one unit, the task of traveling to Spencer became a little too much for him, but he still is active in the youth activities of the Van Etten area.

His long hours of work with the Van Etten youth has now been honored in the naming of the athletic field after him.

In other business transacted at the same meeting, the board reviewed the recommendations of the annual fire inspection report made last month and took note that the few deficiencies noted in the three buildings have either already been corrected or are in the process of being corrected.

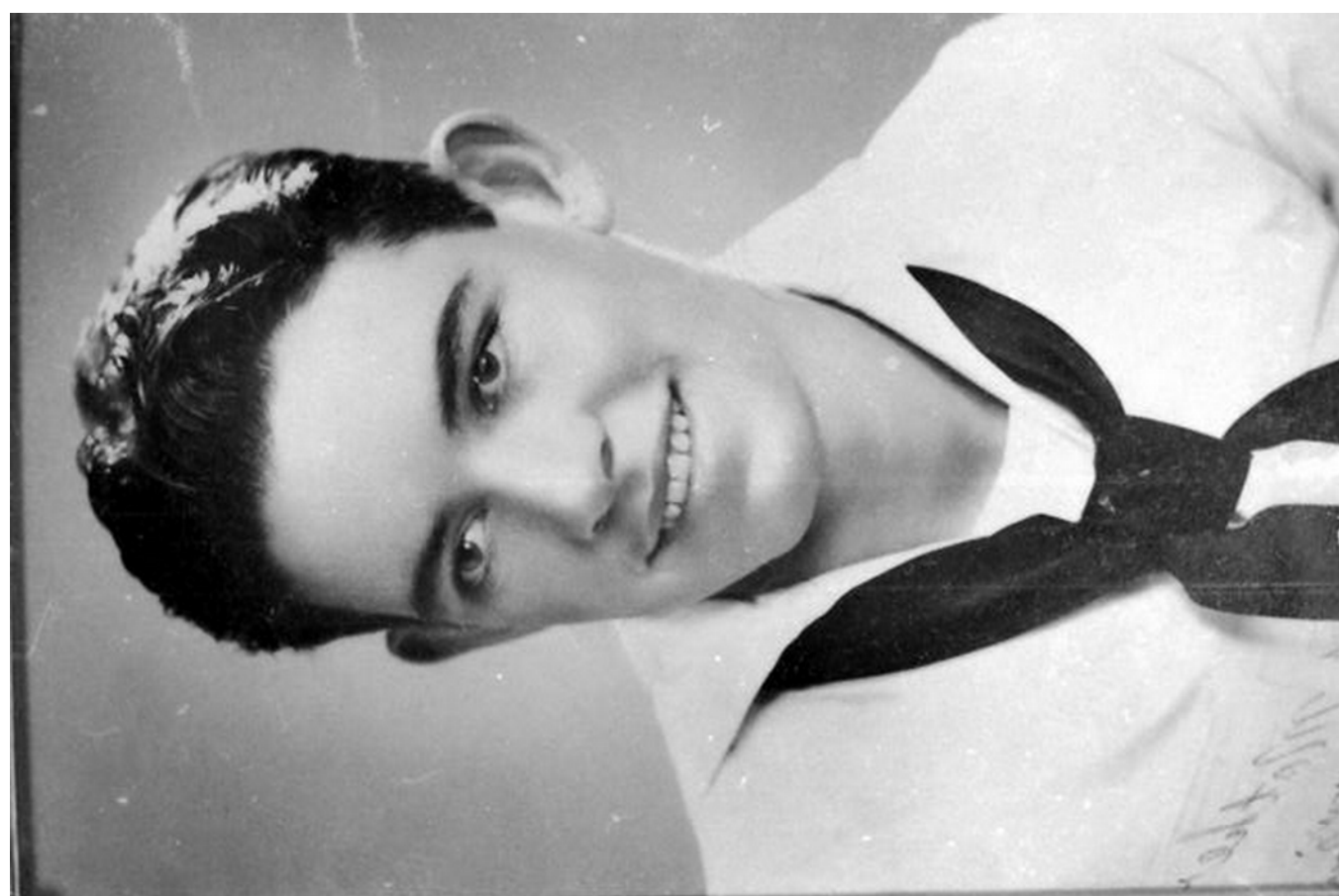
Approval was given to the contract for services with BOKES for the current school year in the amount of \$110,105. The board also approved a report of the School English Coordinator, Ms. Patricia Blinn, covering the annual classes at the BOKES center. Other items on the agenda include special instruction made available for handicapped students and local participation for the

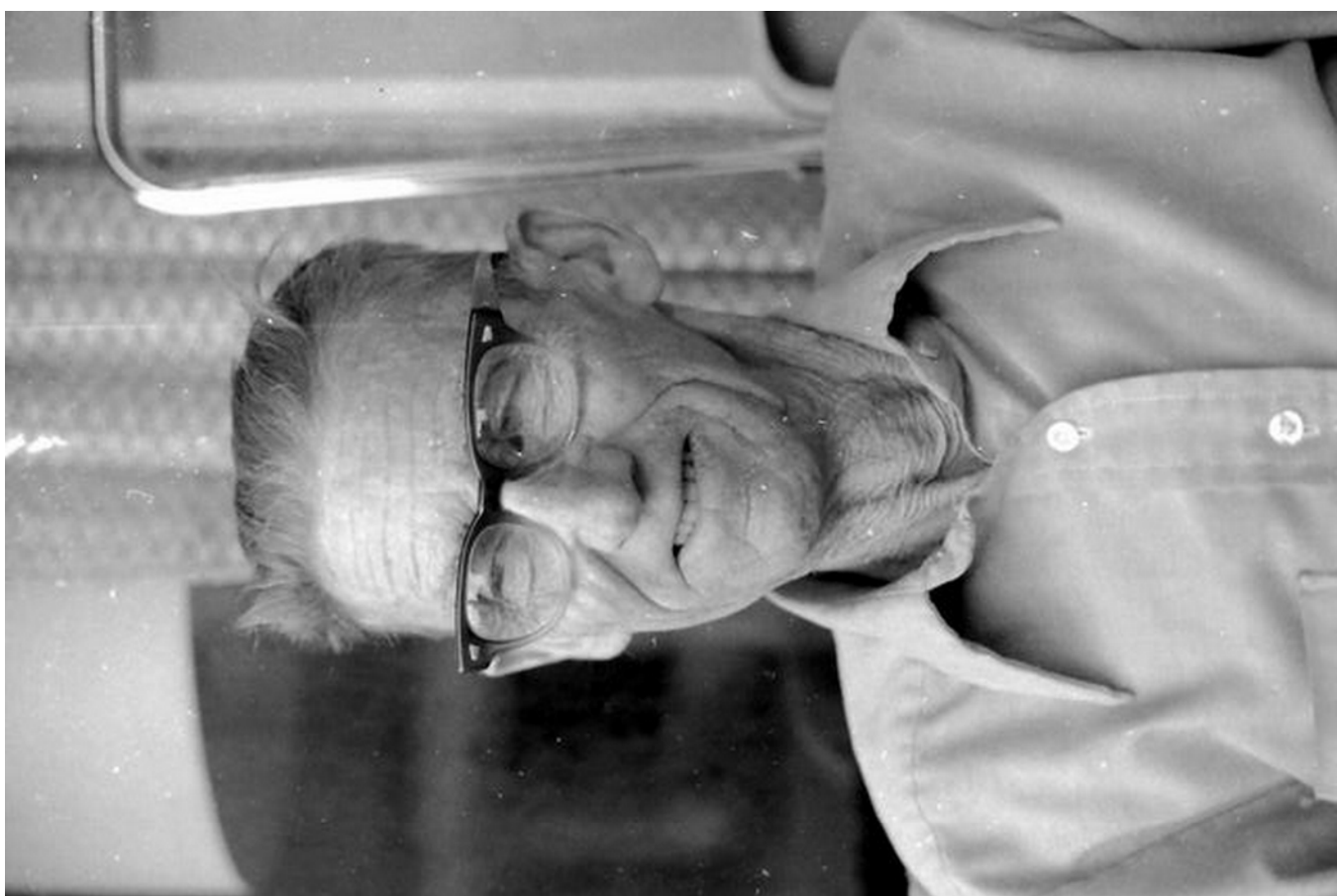
The next regular meeting of board of education will be held on Jan. 27 at which time the board will hear a report of High School English Coordinator Ms. Patricia Blinn covering the annual classes at the BOKES center. The board is also expected to review an update of the district policy manual outlining various operational policies for the school district.









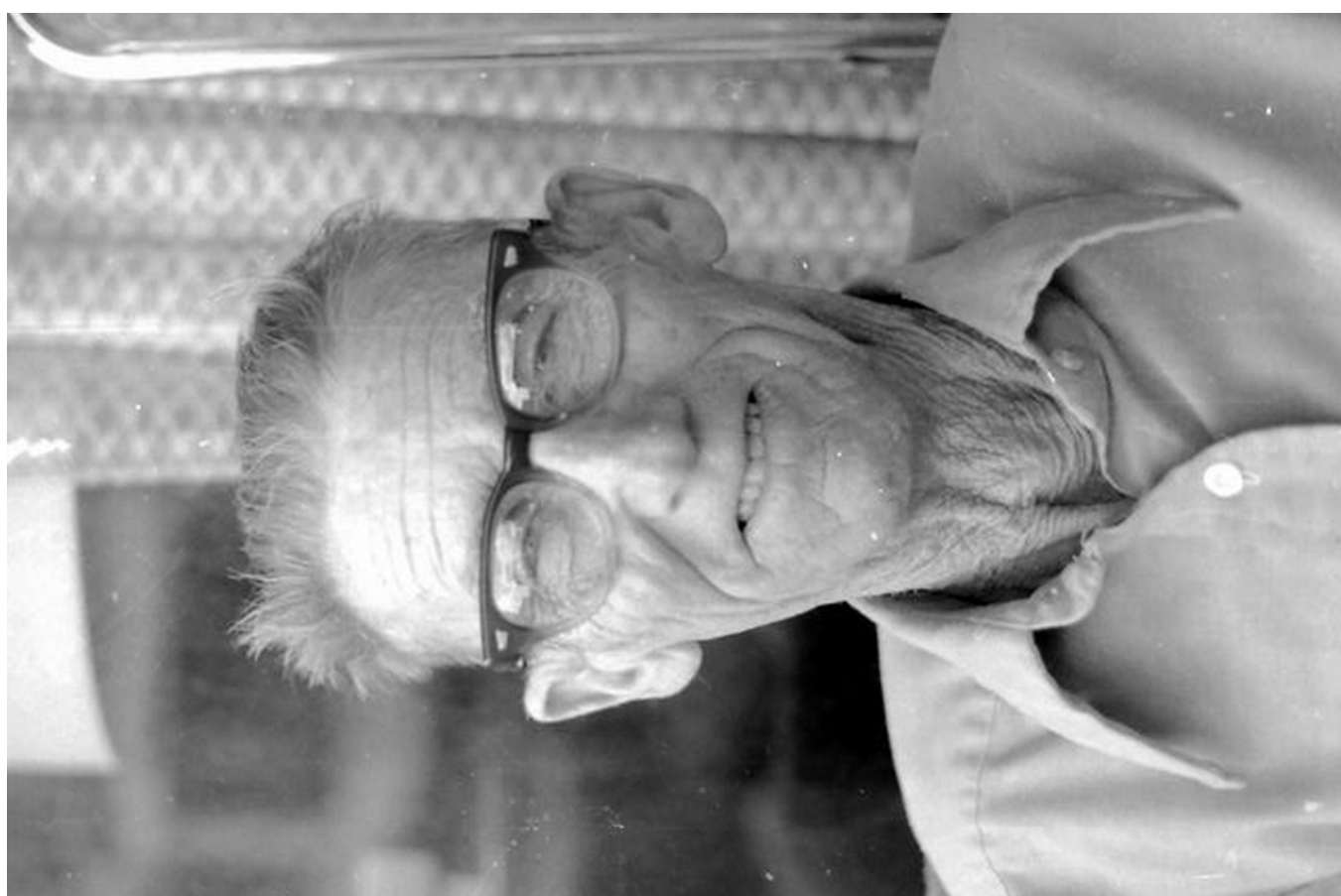






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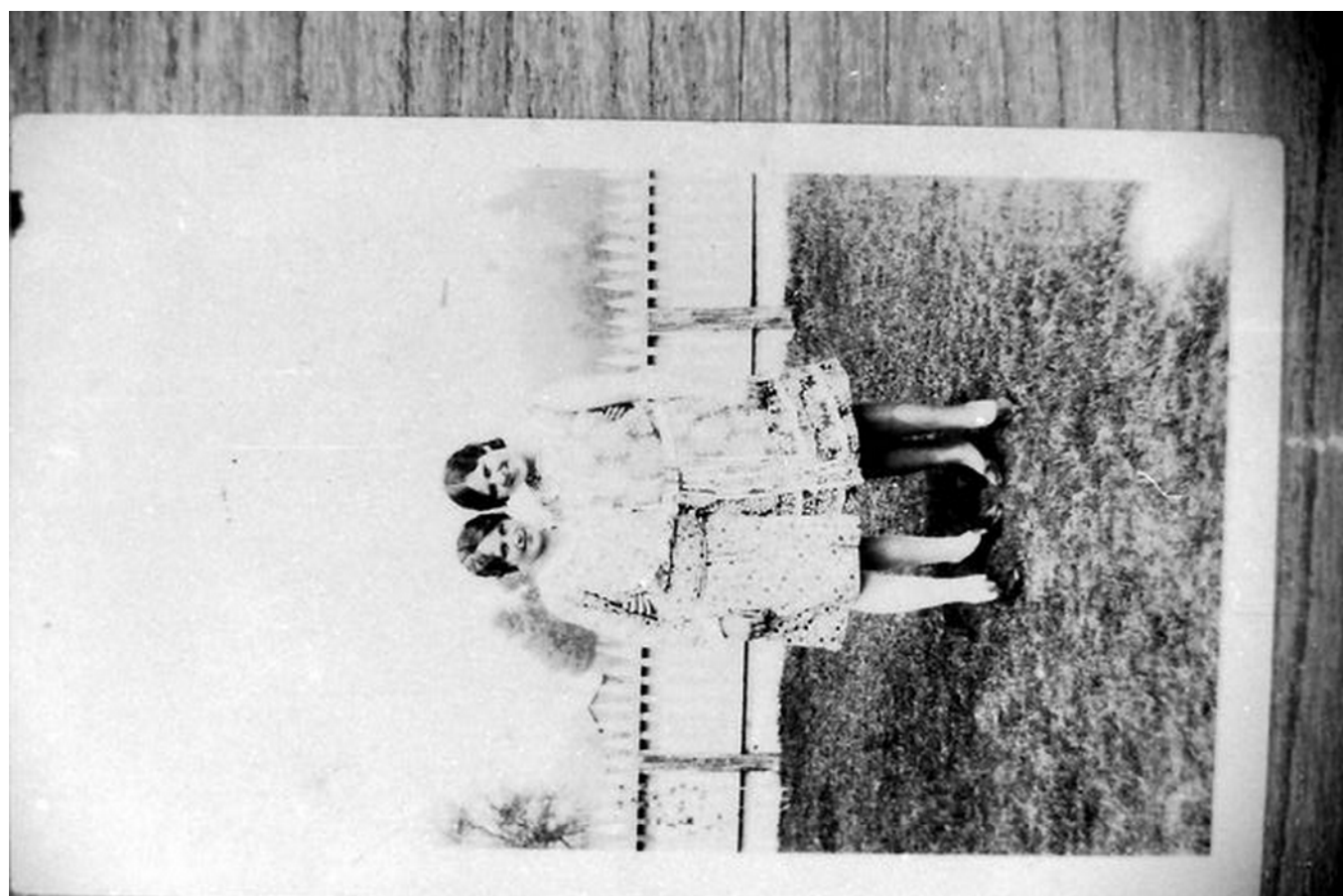














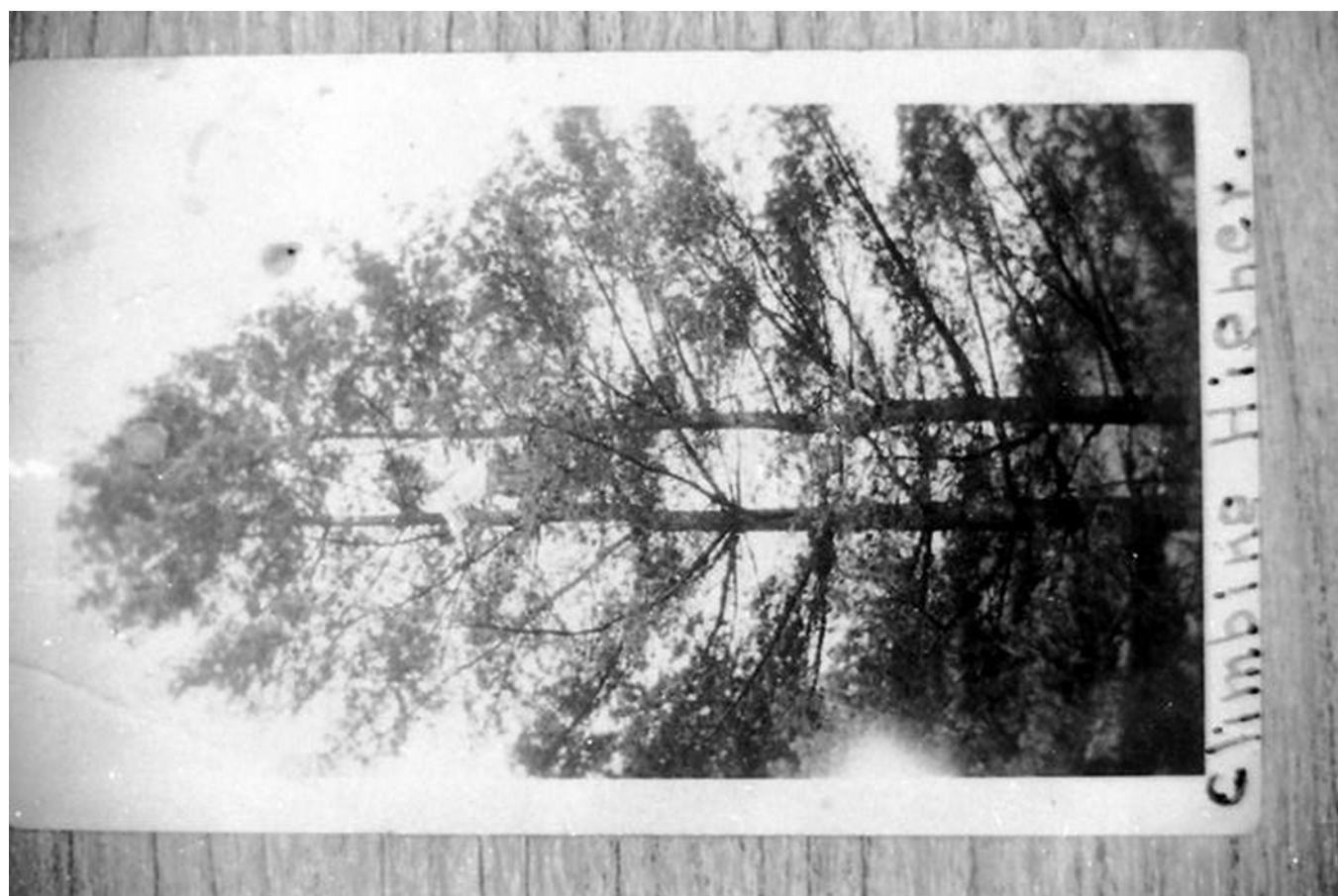
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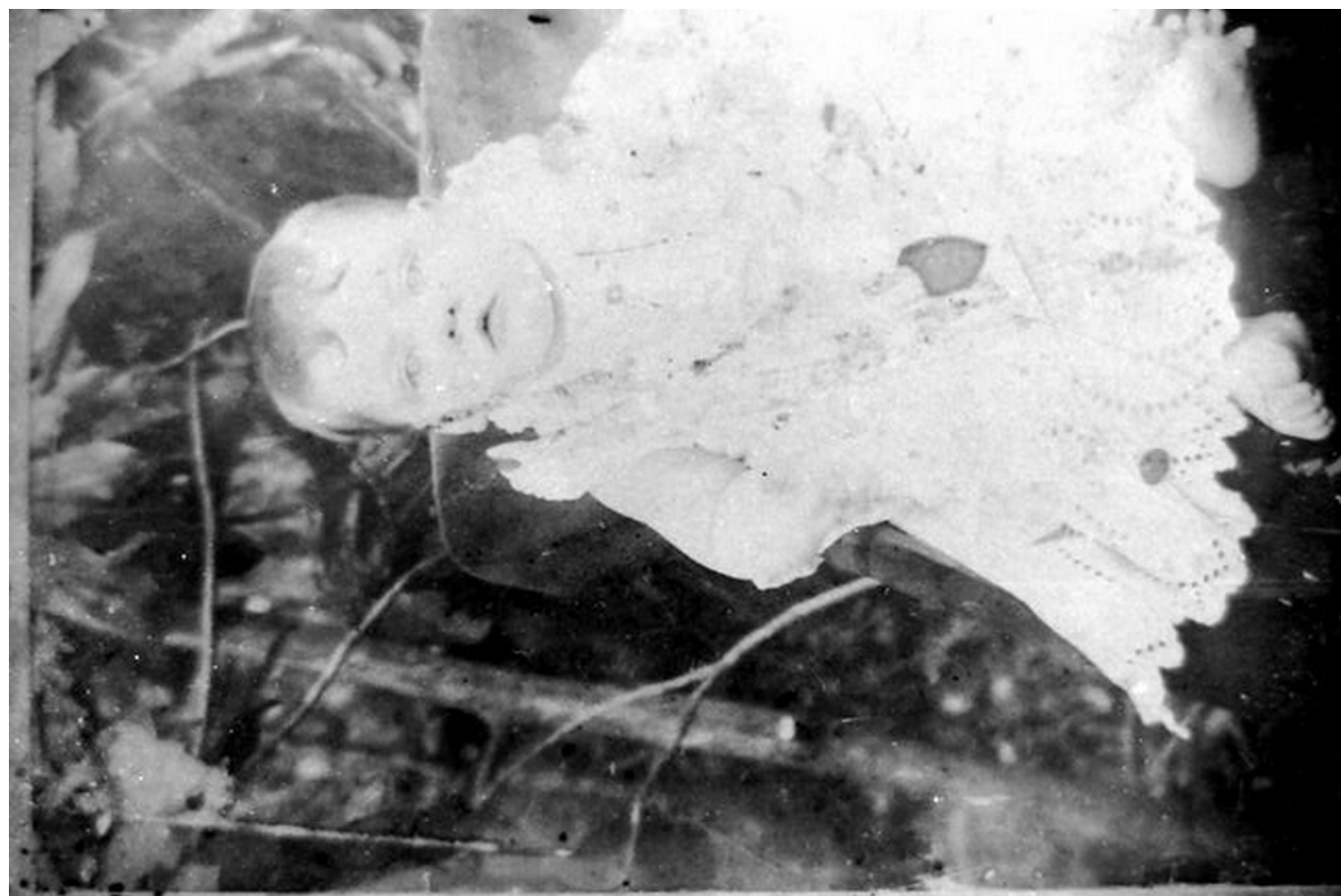
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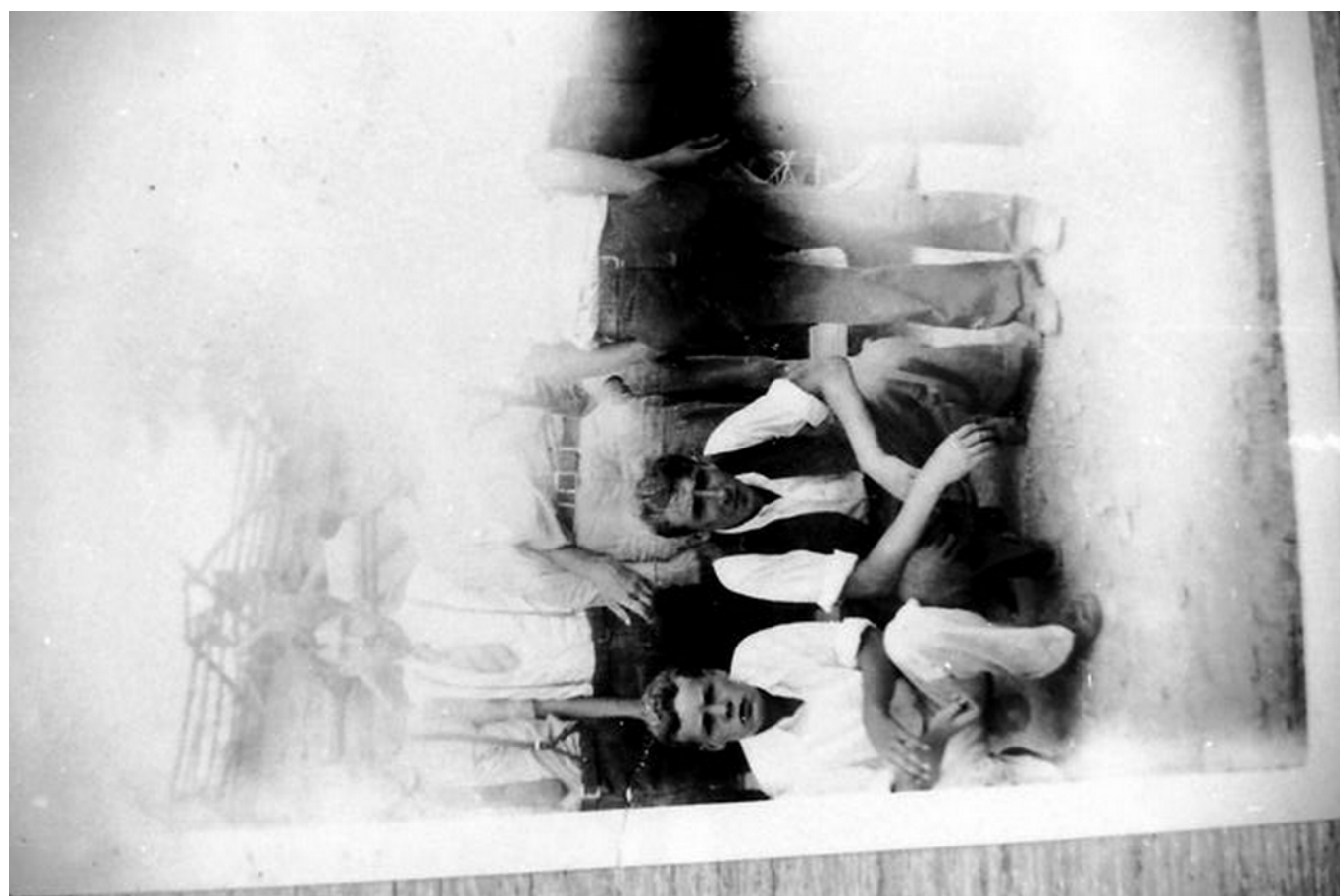




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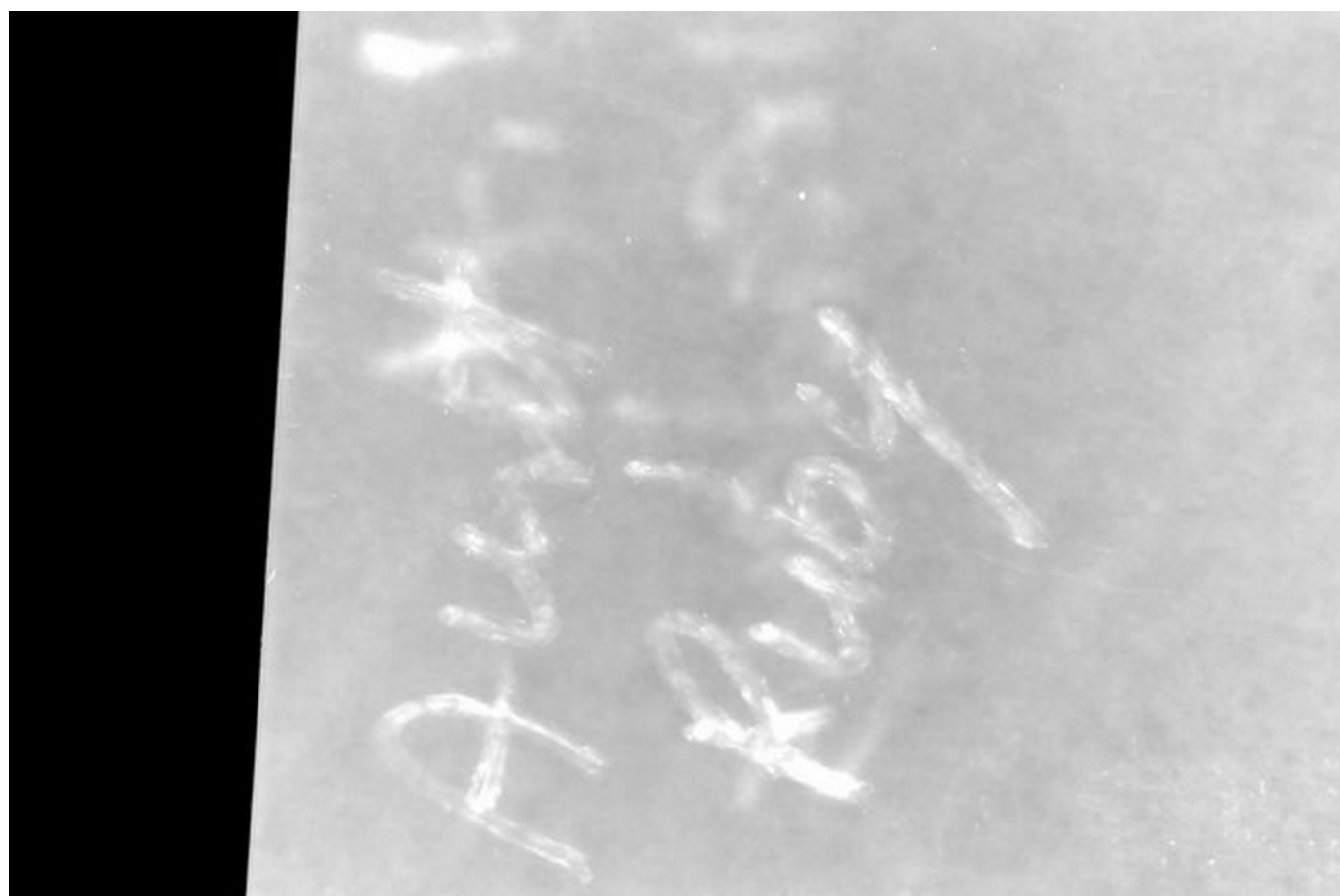






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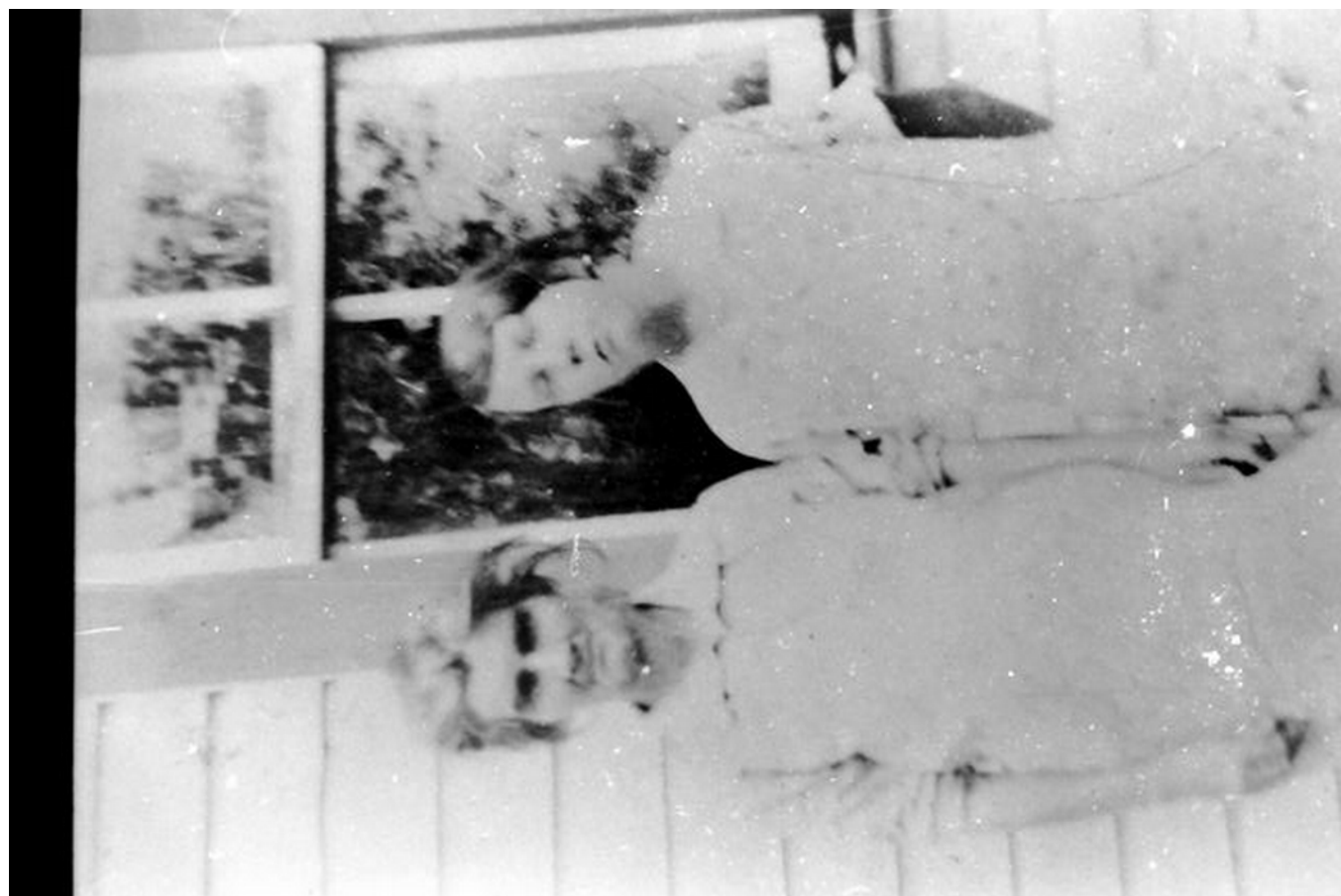


















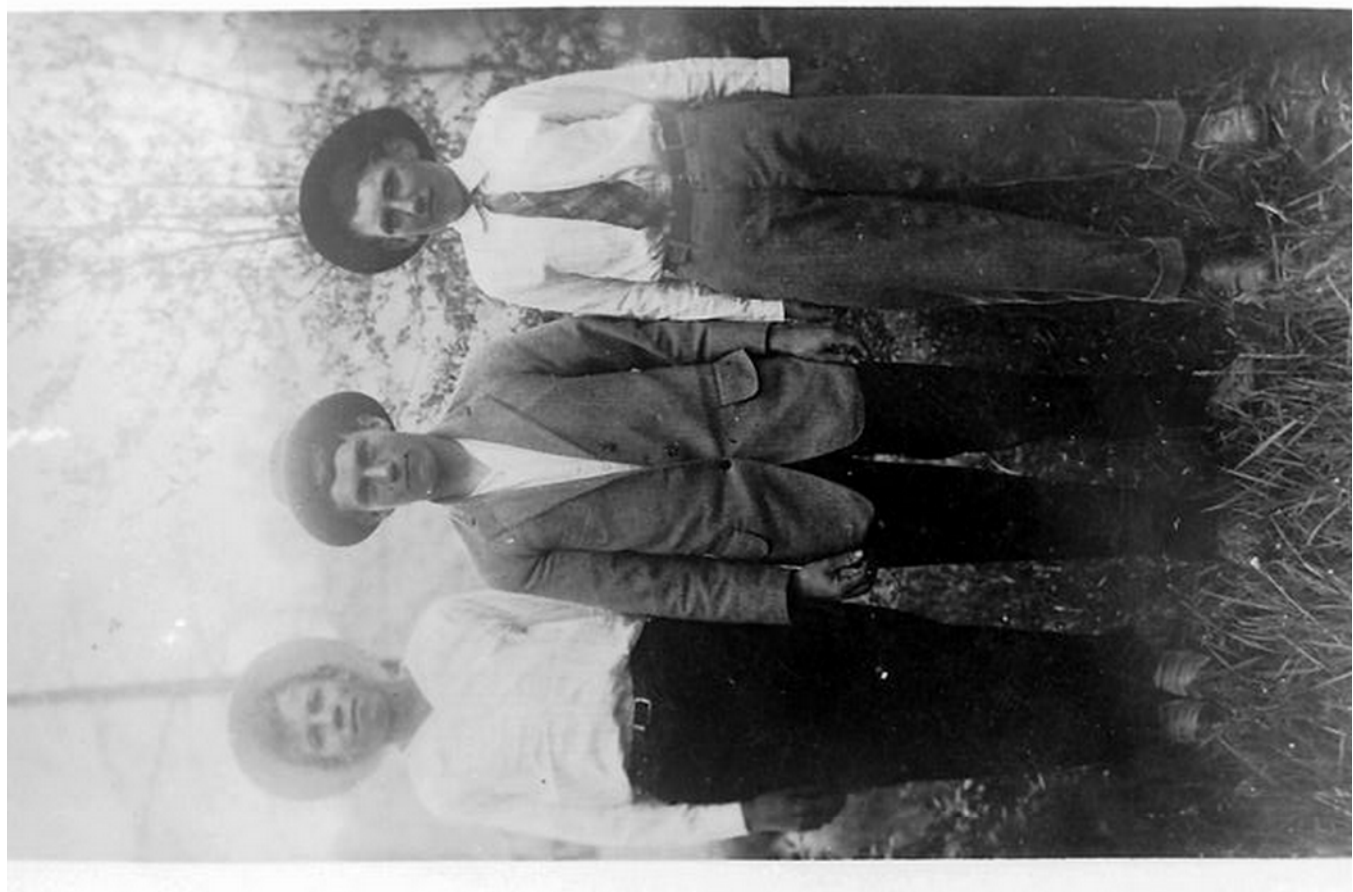


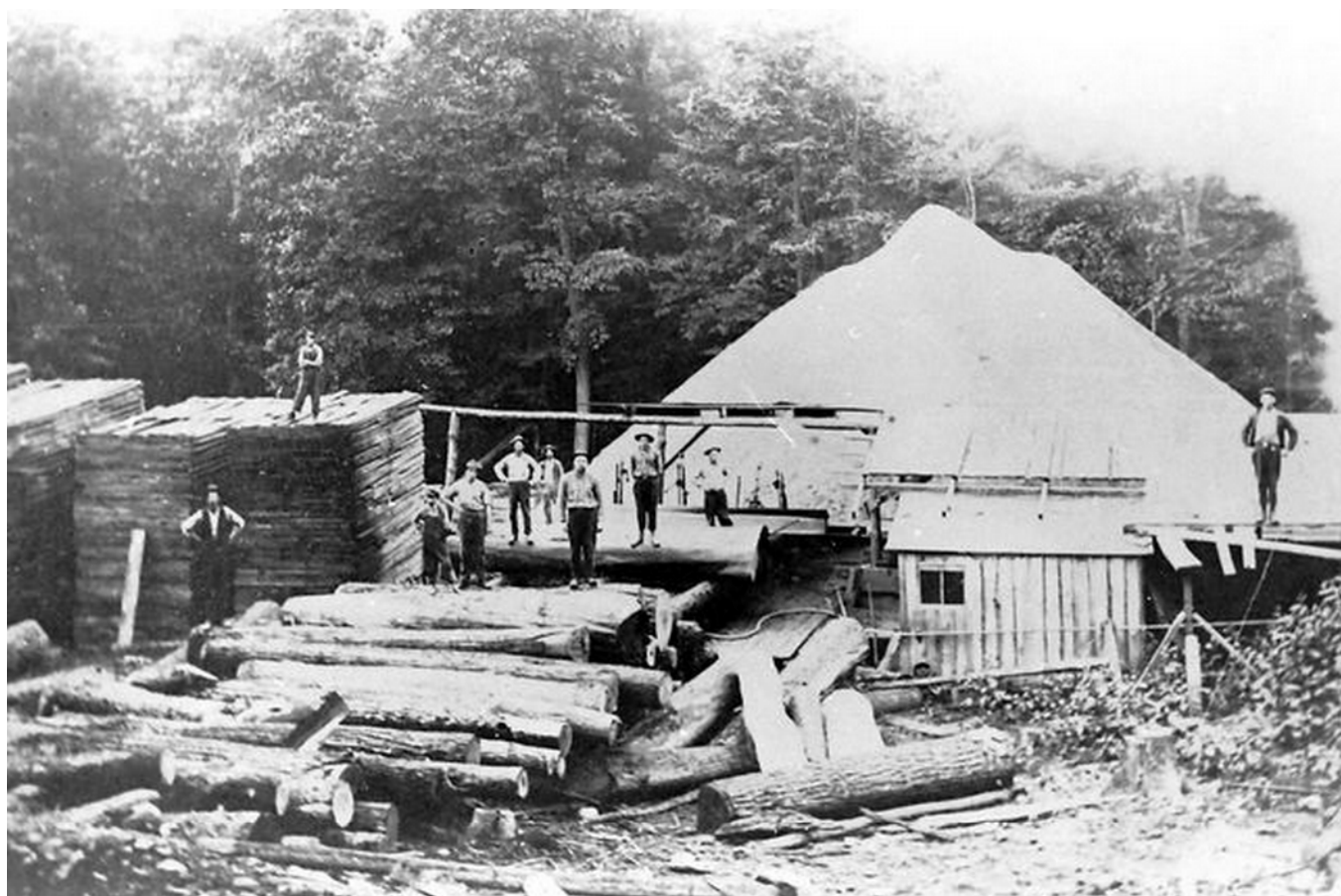
























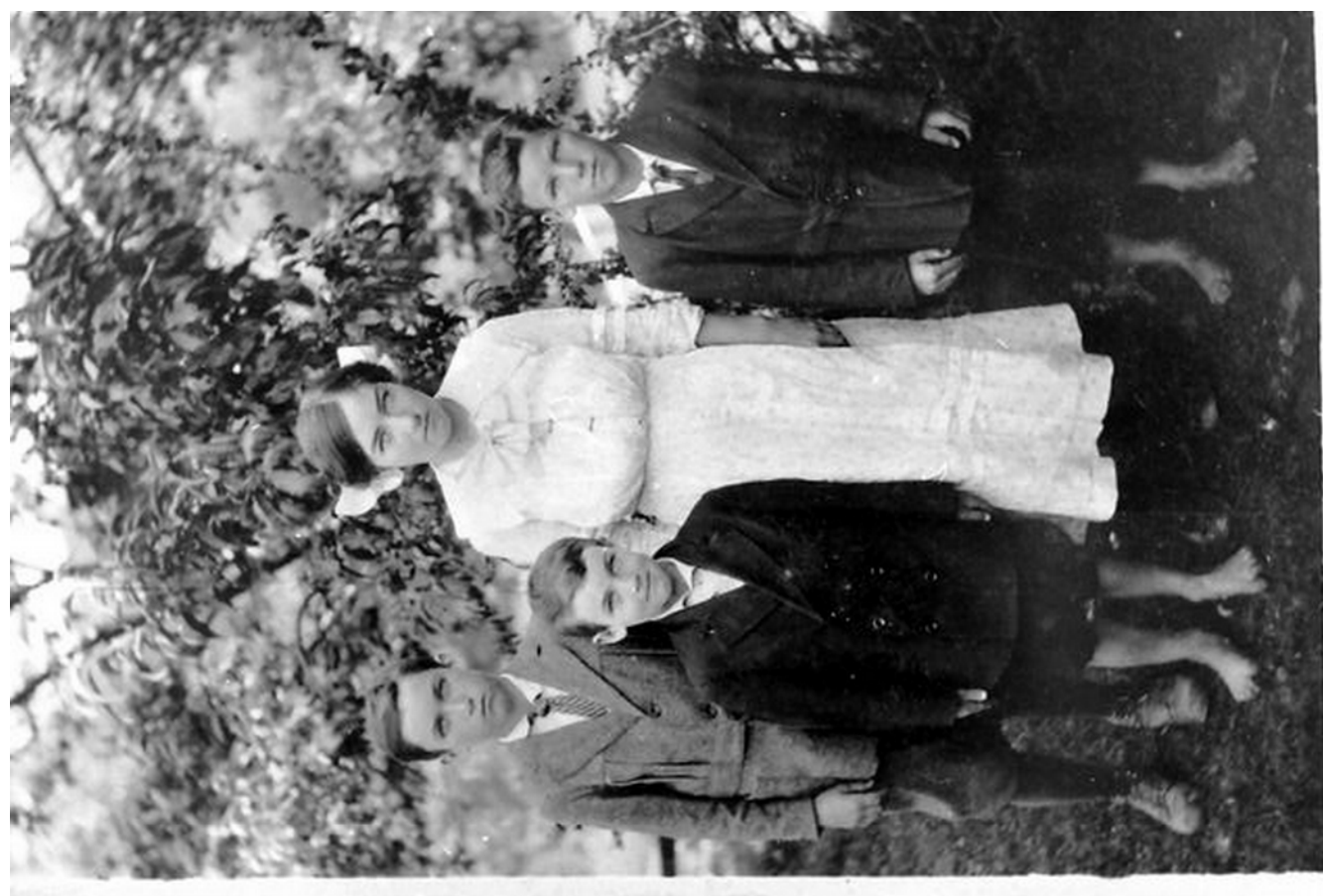


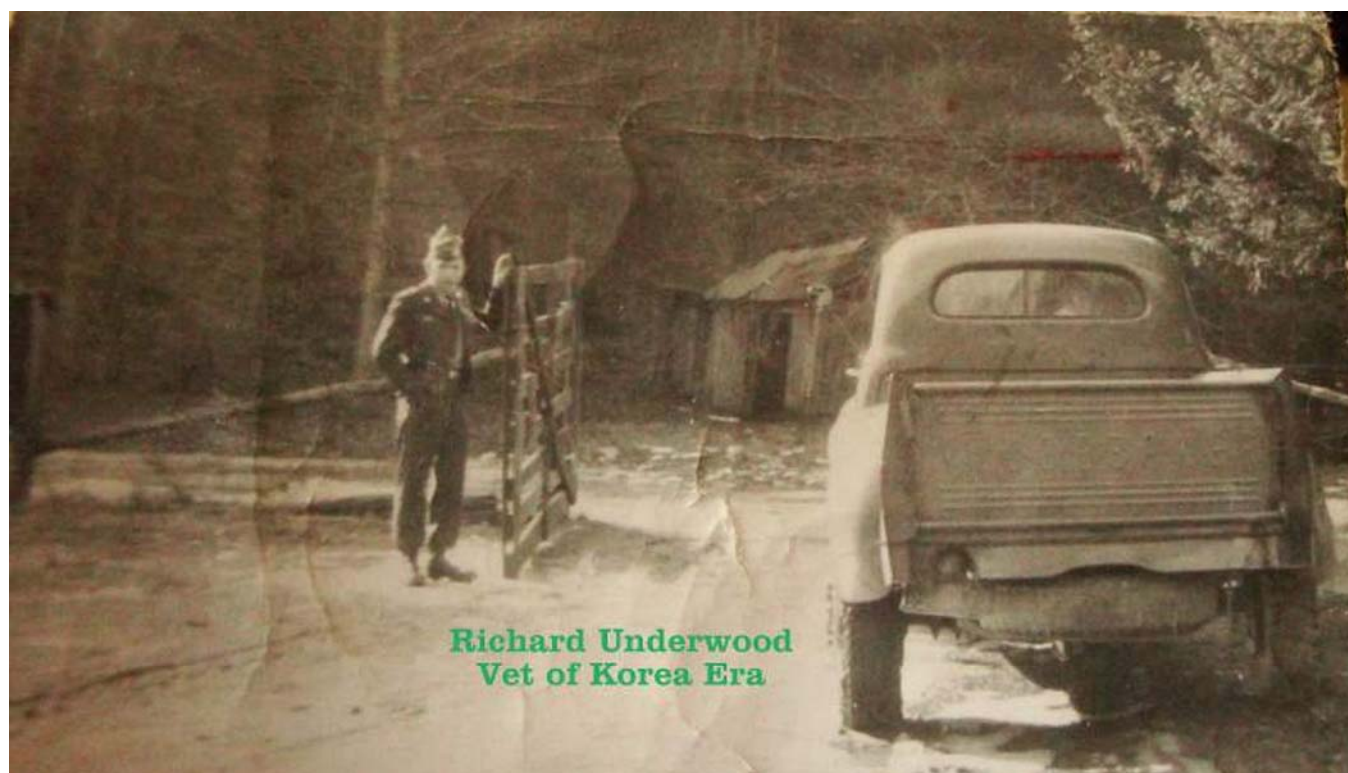






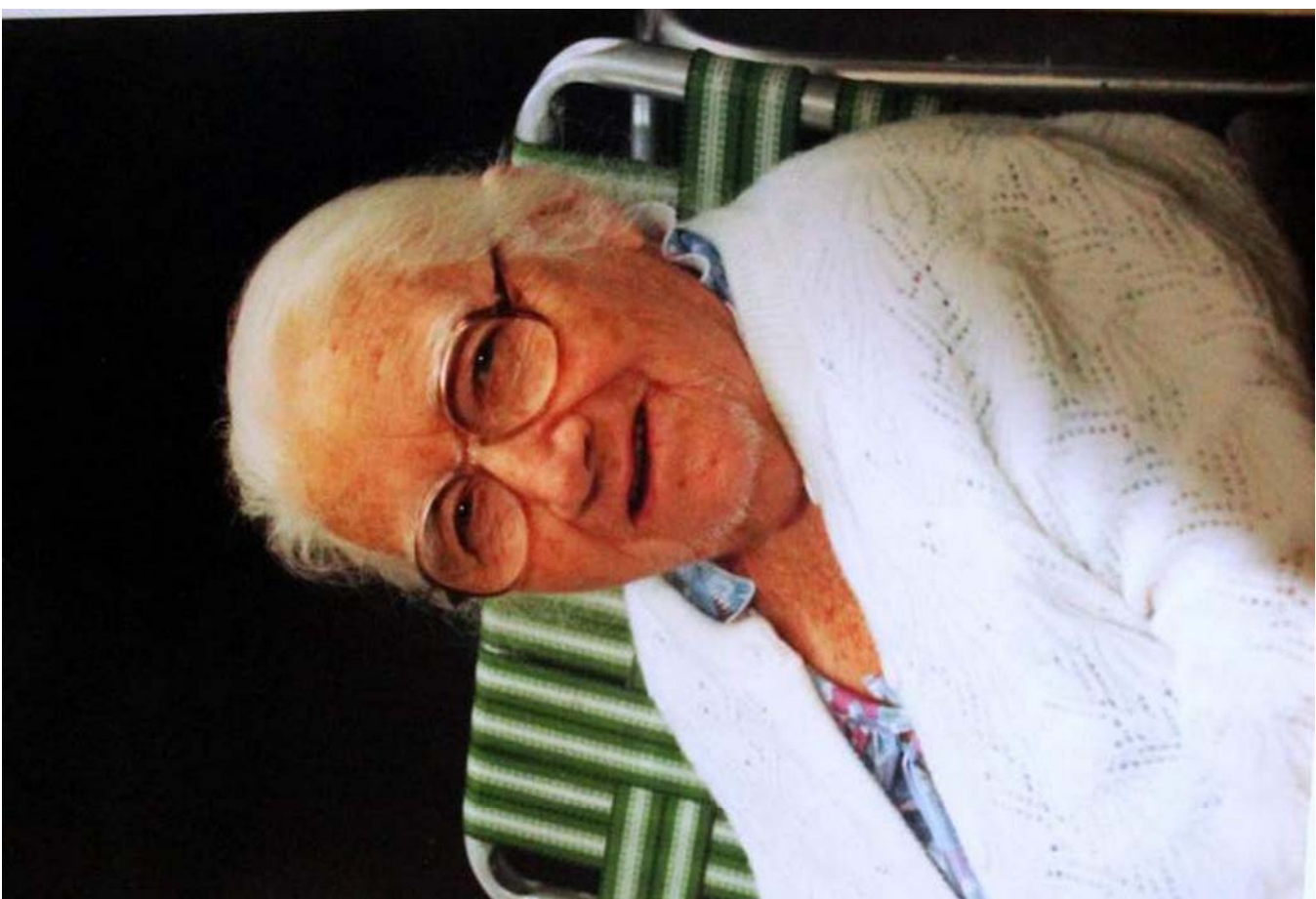
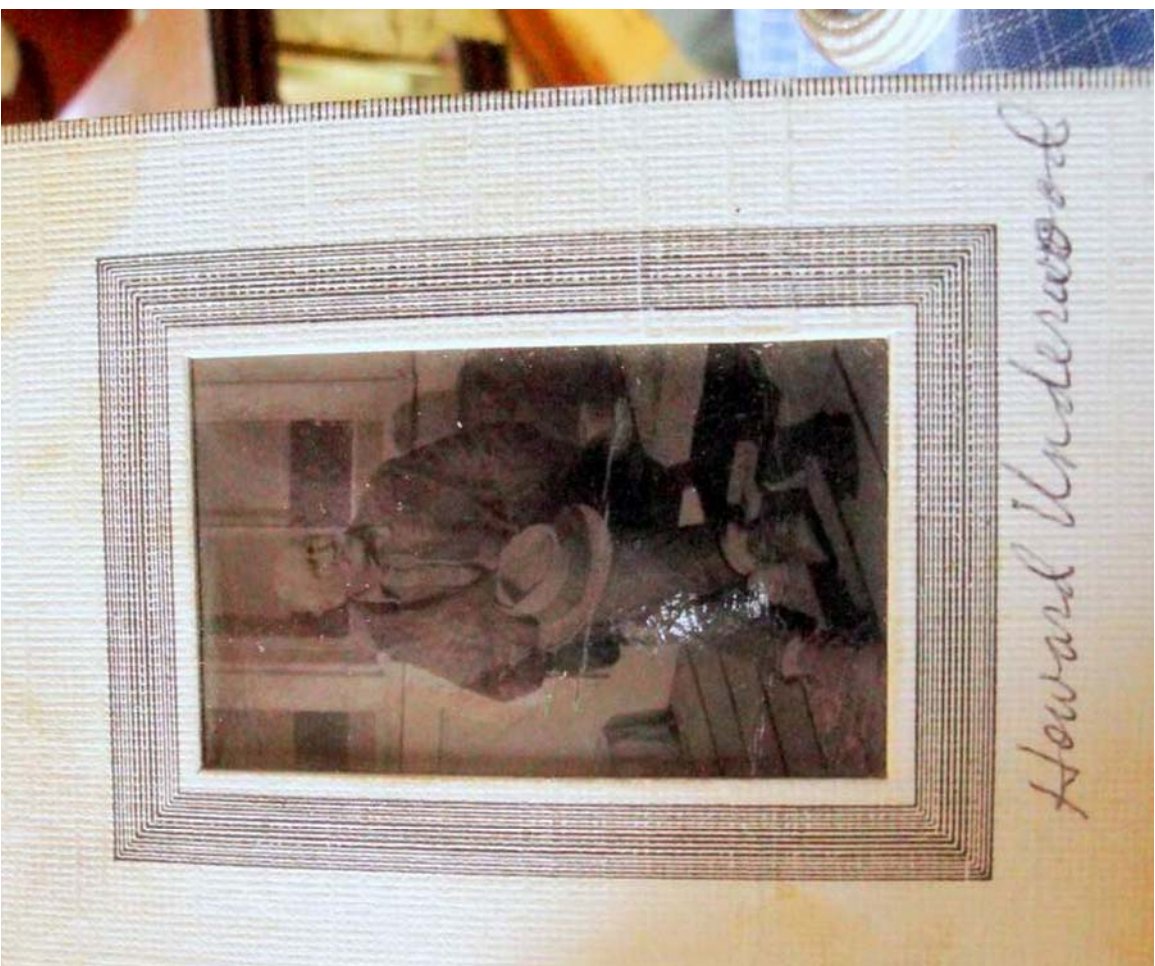






Richard Underwood
Vet of Korea Era









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Underwood





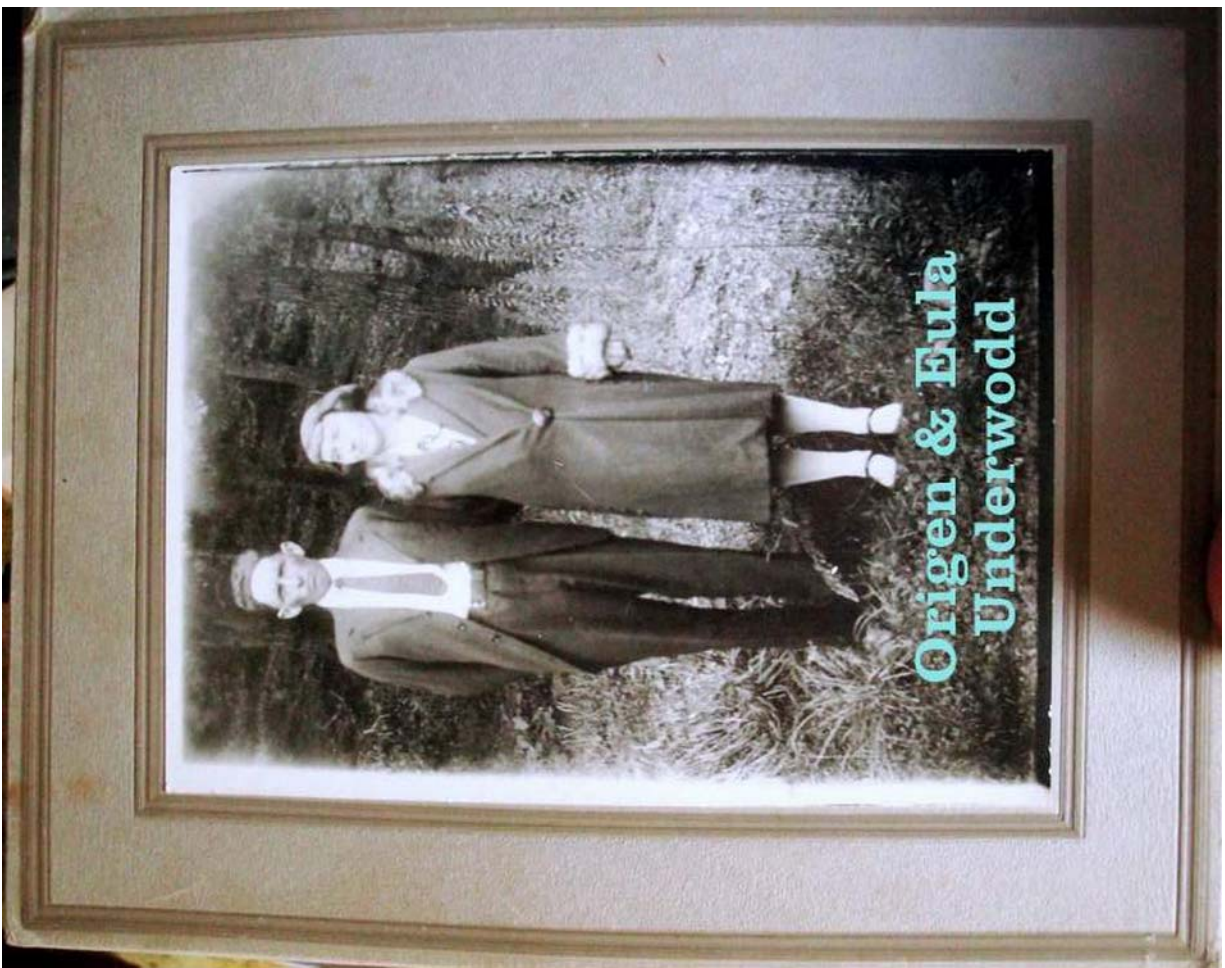
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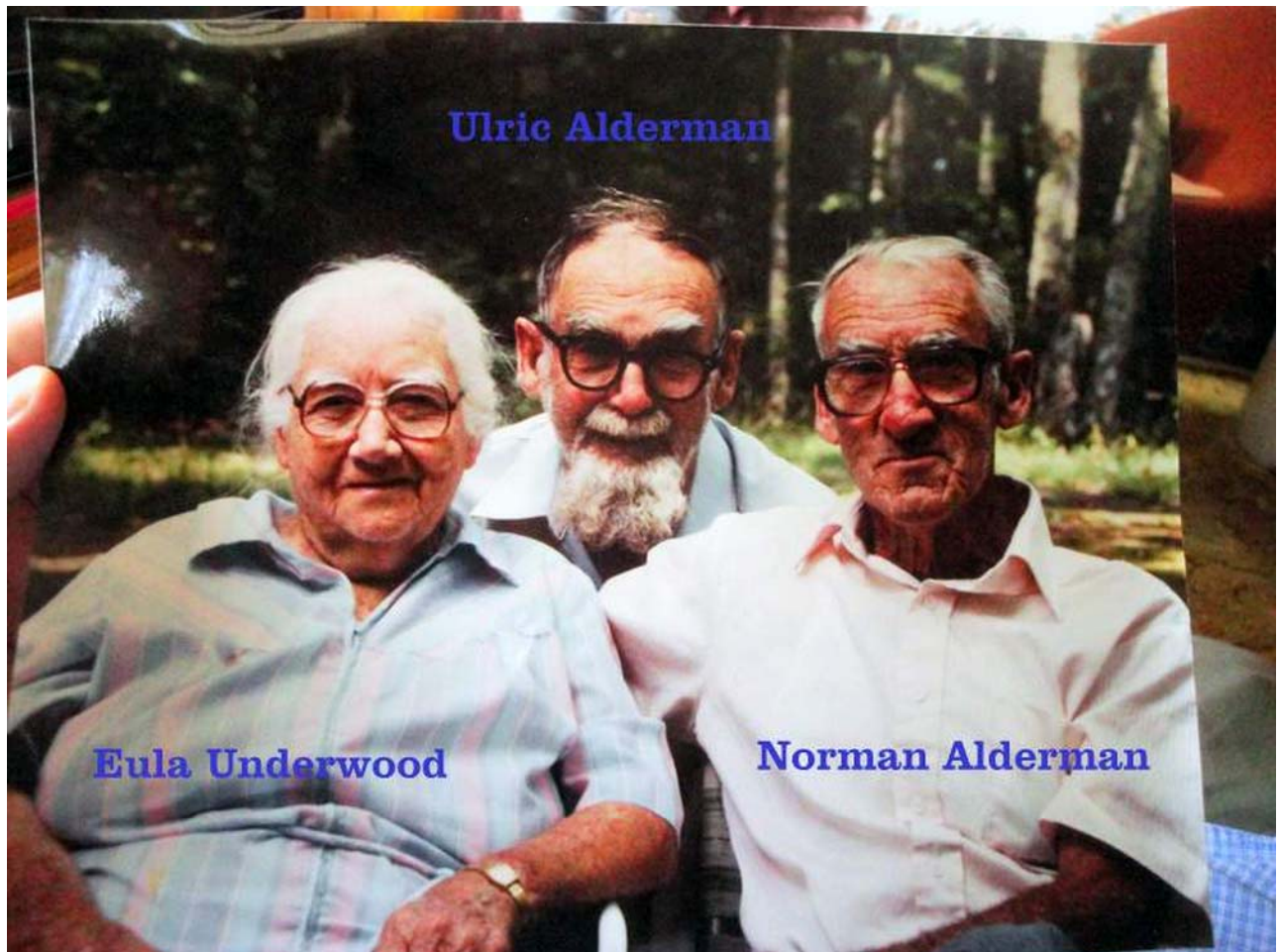
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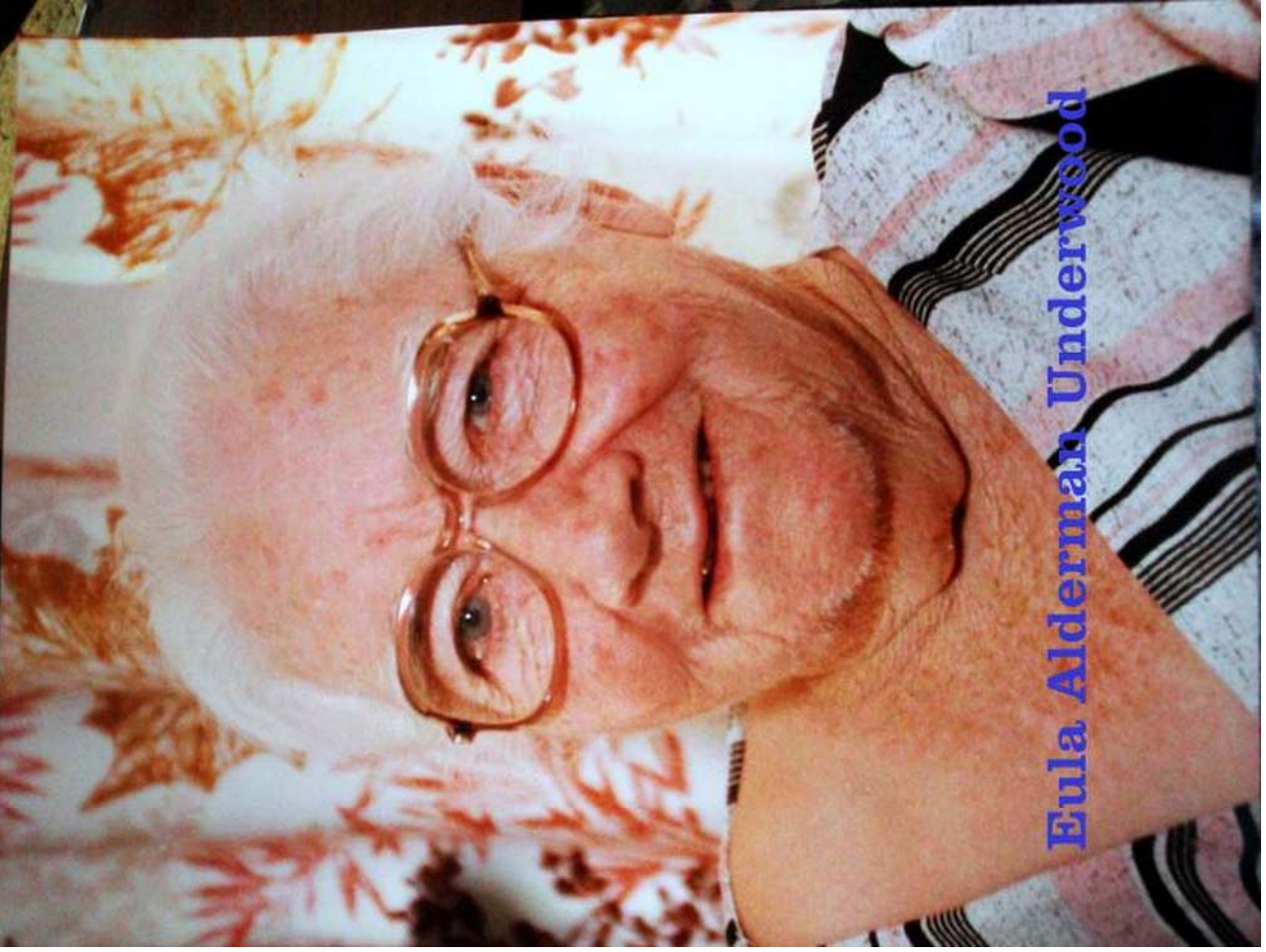
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Ulric Alderman

Eula Underwood

Norman Alderman



Eula Alderman Underwood



To: Grandma + Grandpa

1974

Love: Charlotte





Neil Alderman







Edna Underwood



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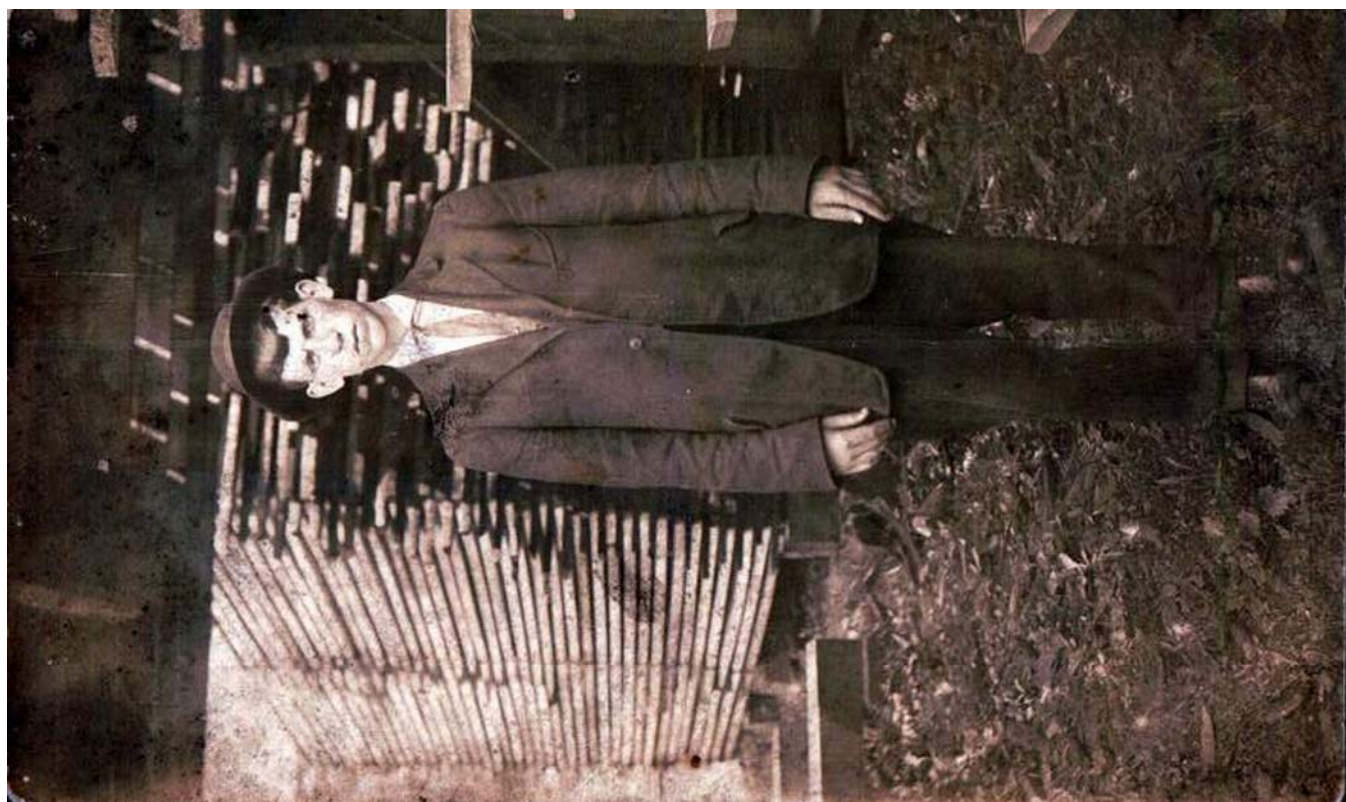


Neil & Mary Alderman



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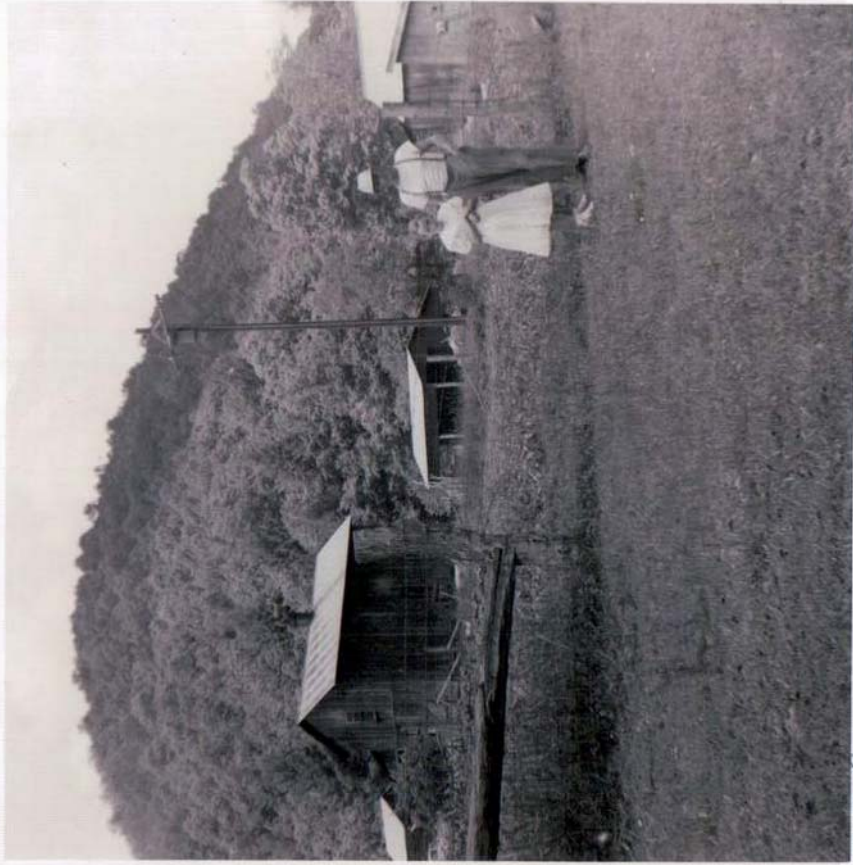


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Pauline, Mary & Janet



Charlotte Symes

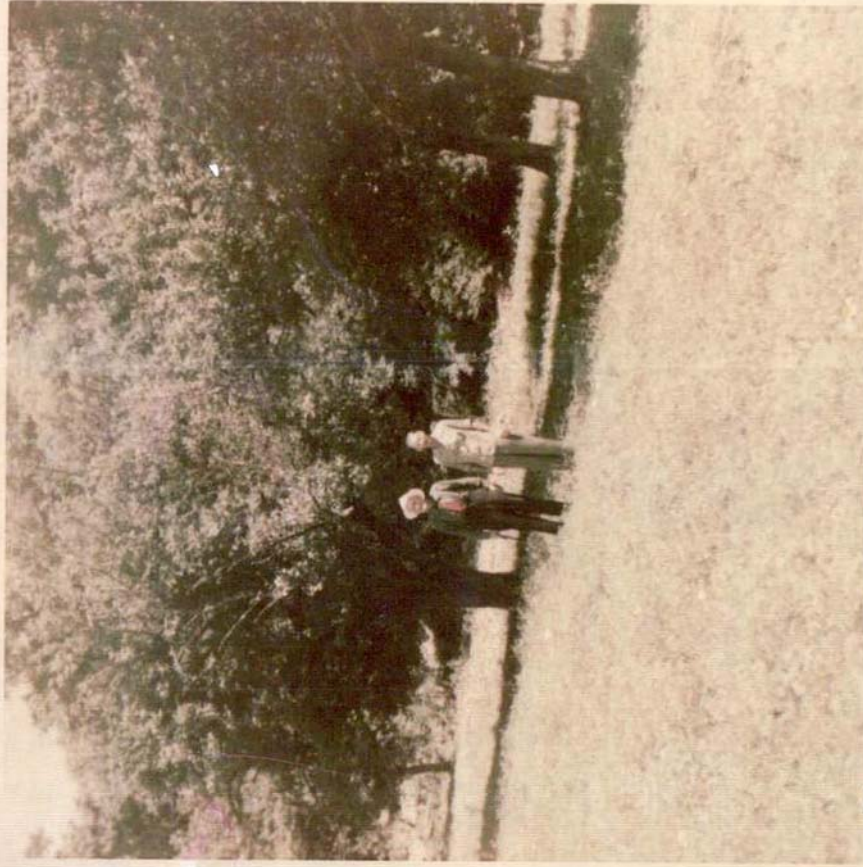


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George Alderman
the place where
he was born

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George Alderman

June 2, 1957

Dad & Larry



Origen Underwood & Larry Hanford



Billy McMillion-Drigen + Eula Underwood





Leonard, David, and Origen Underwood



Shelley, Judy, Janet, Vickie, and Eula



George Alderman



George Alderman



George Alderman - Ben & Harry



Herbert Alderman - Ben H. Hargis



Dad, Janet & ...



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Janet Underwood





Madge & Lawrence Alderman



Madge & Lawrence Alderman



Jimmy & Bessie
Sharp



Bessie Pauline, Millie Meyer,
Helen, Ruth, Shelia



Cellar at Homeplace



Eula Underwood



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Stella & Clara
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Raising Cane



Eula - Judy - Origen Underwood

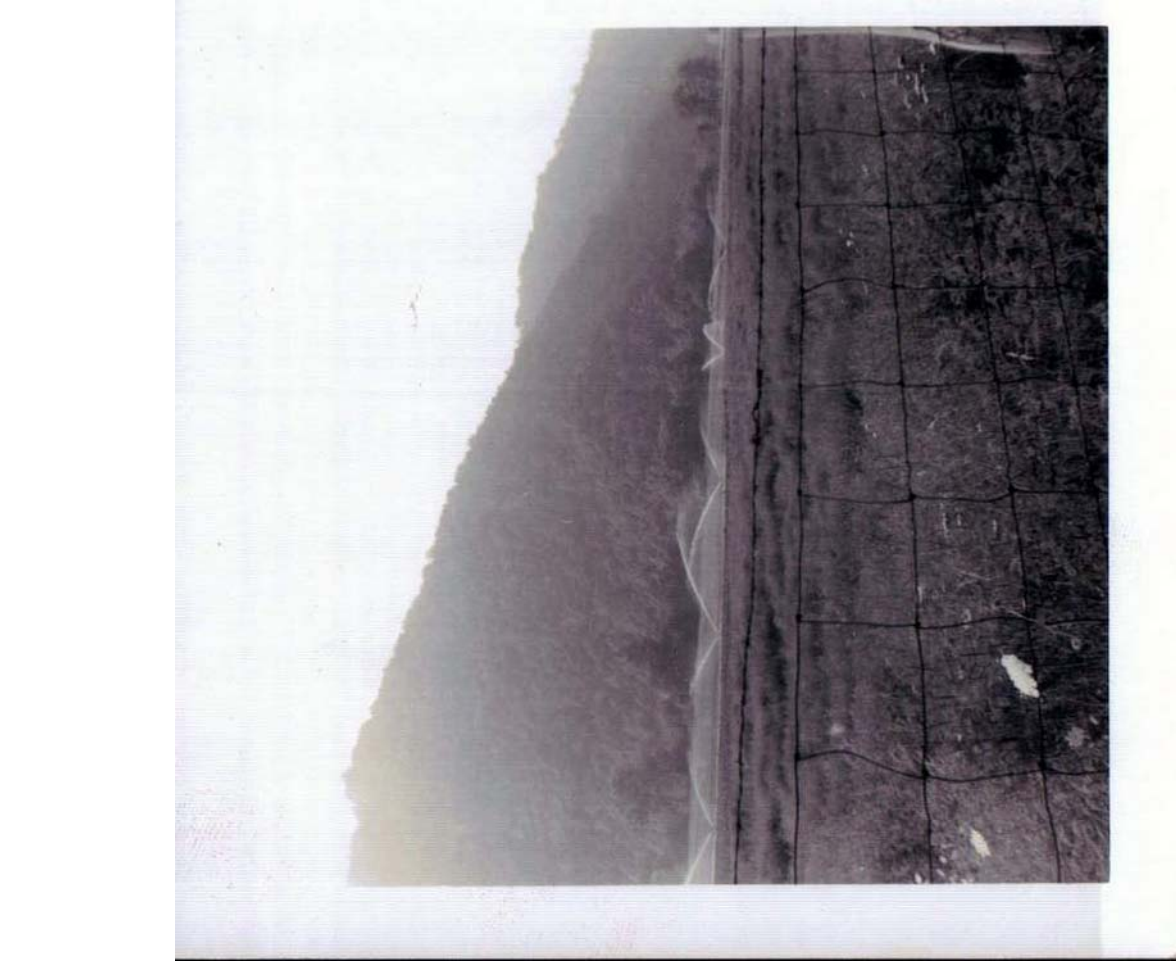


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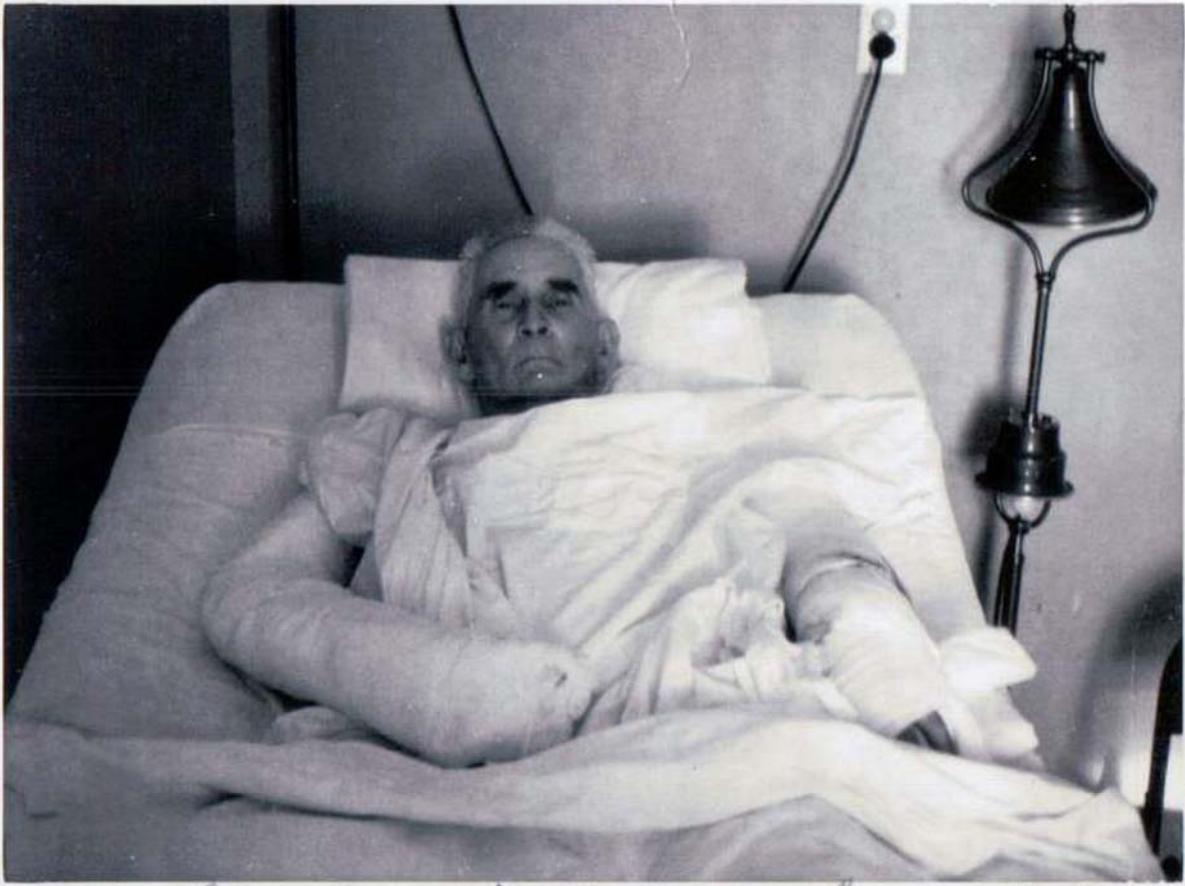




Uncle
Teddy & Pearl Alderman



Uncle
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Orisen Underwood - 1964









Drigen & Eula Underwood 1954





Origen Underwood



Betty Underwood



Ice Butterbaugh Ray- Children



Richard Underwood & Origen Underwood



Richard & Origen Underwood









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Mary Underwood Richardson
+ Deanna
at Malibu Beach
1957

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AG & Judy's wedding
Dec 26, 1961



Our 25th. (Silver) Wedding Anniversary
Nov. 16, 1967

Wilburn & Blanche
Aldermon

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Steve Rydler





June Symes



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Aunt Ruby
& Ed Sheets
wedding



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Pauline & Percy Hansford
 Barb & Wayne Hansford
 Tina & Tony
 Origen & Eula Underwood

Lena.
Trying to get the little ball
off of her sleepers.





Drisen Underwood

Dad Turning Hay
July 1958

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VELOX
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Leonard
J. J. J.





Lawrence
Alderman

1922



Origen Underwood & Vickie

Hansford

Shelby Pauline Judy

Eula Underwood

Mary

Millie



Origen & Eula Underwood 1957

Mom & Dad's birthday dinner
June 2, 1957



Ernest Burr
Eula Alderman
Taddy Alderman



Prisoner Underwood - 1964



Judy, Eula, Shelby, Origen, George, Pauline,
Vickie, Larry

June 2, 1967

Eula & Origen Underwood

George Alderman

Judy & Shelby Underwood

Pauline & Vickie & Larry
Hansford



Eula - Judy - Origen
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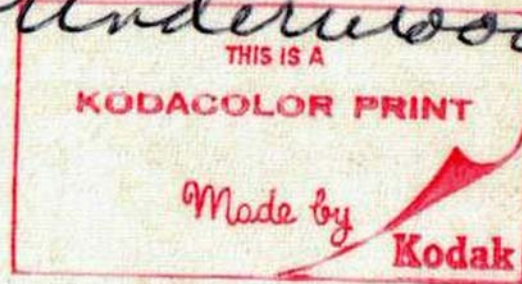
Janet Underwood

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on our way back
from Pittsburgh!

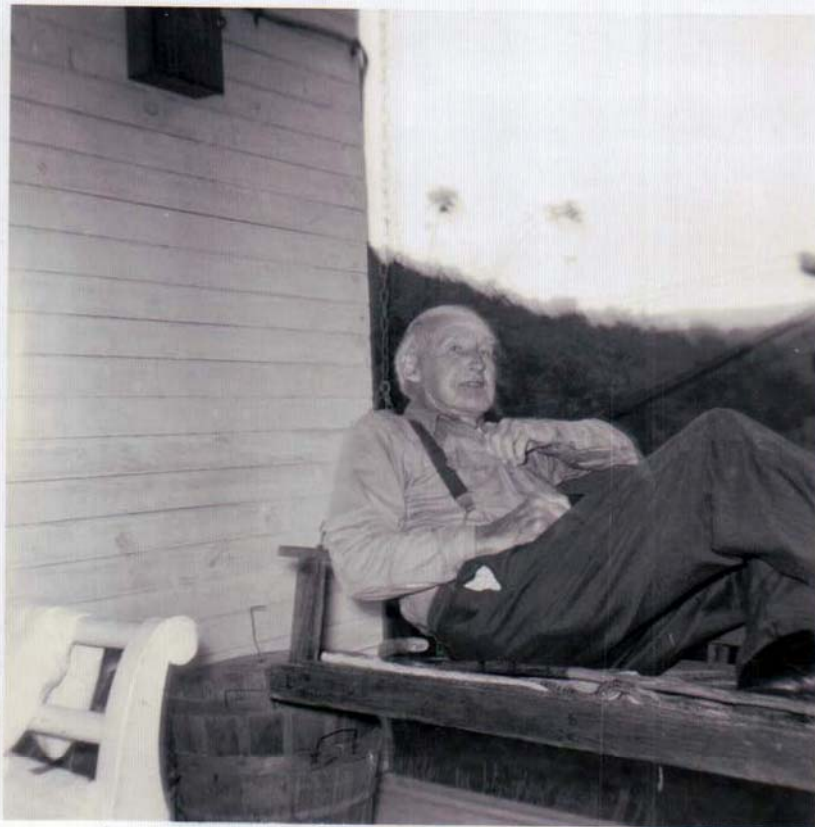


Dad, Janet & Grandpa

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George Alderman
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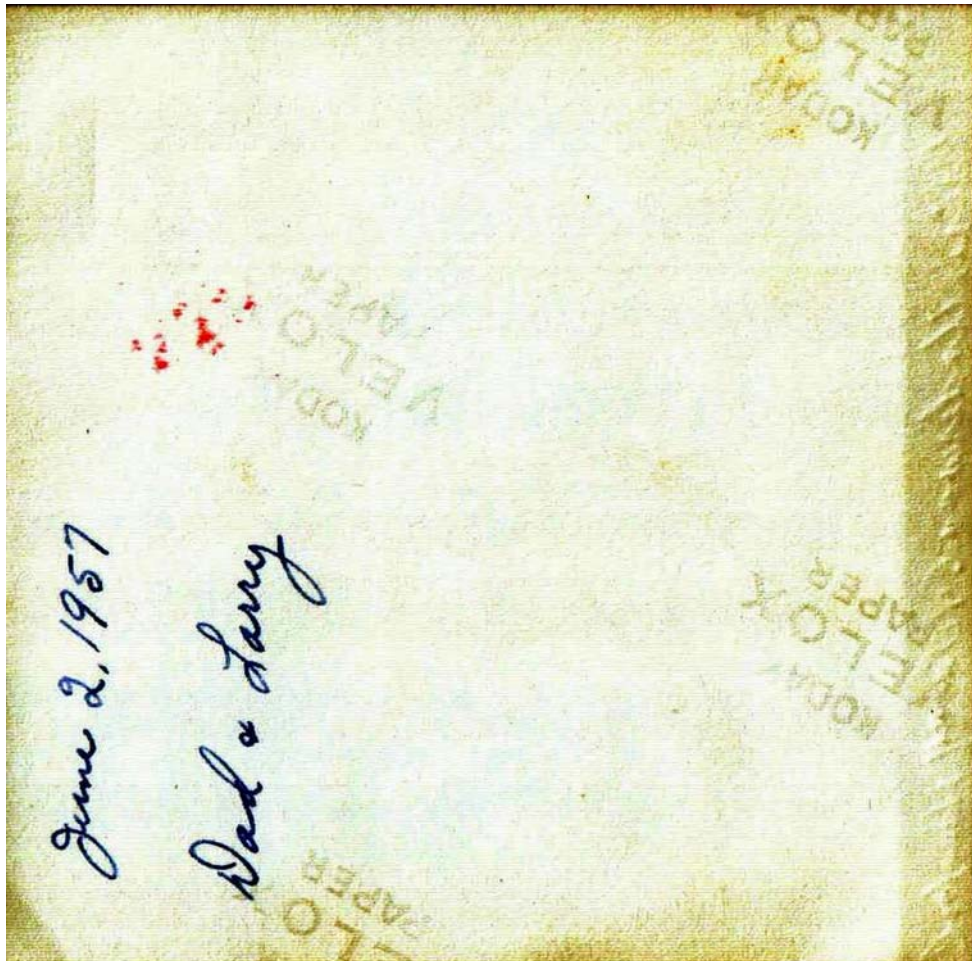
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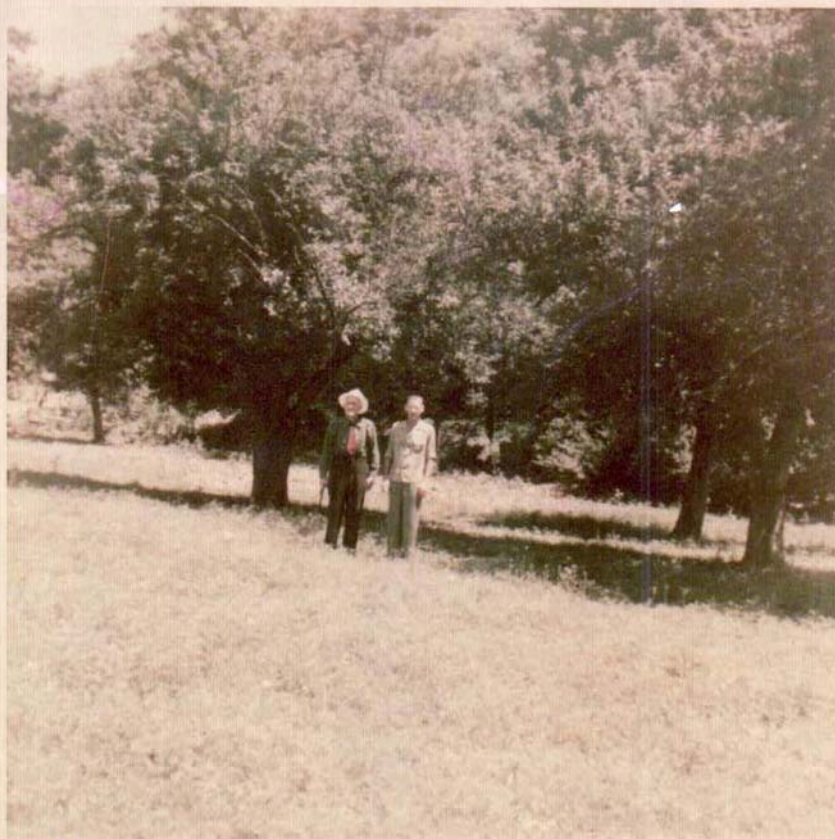


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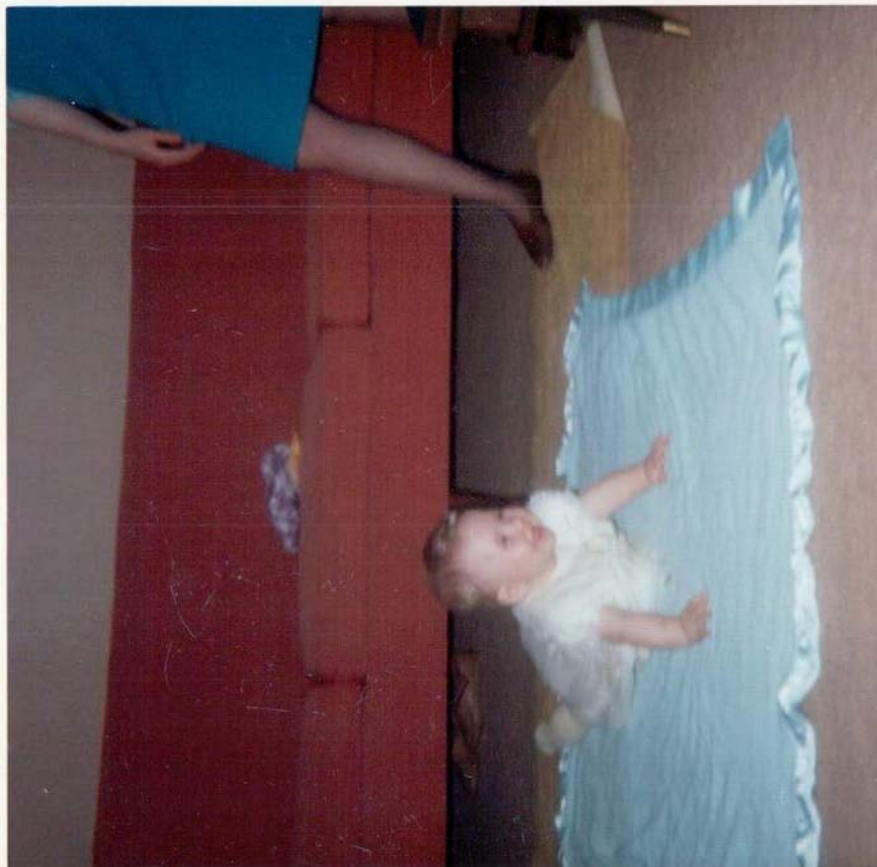
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Tina 8 months
Laughing at Percy.



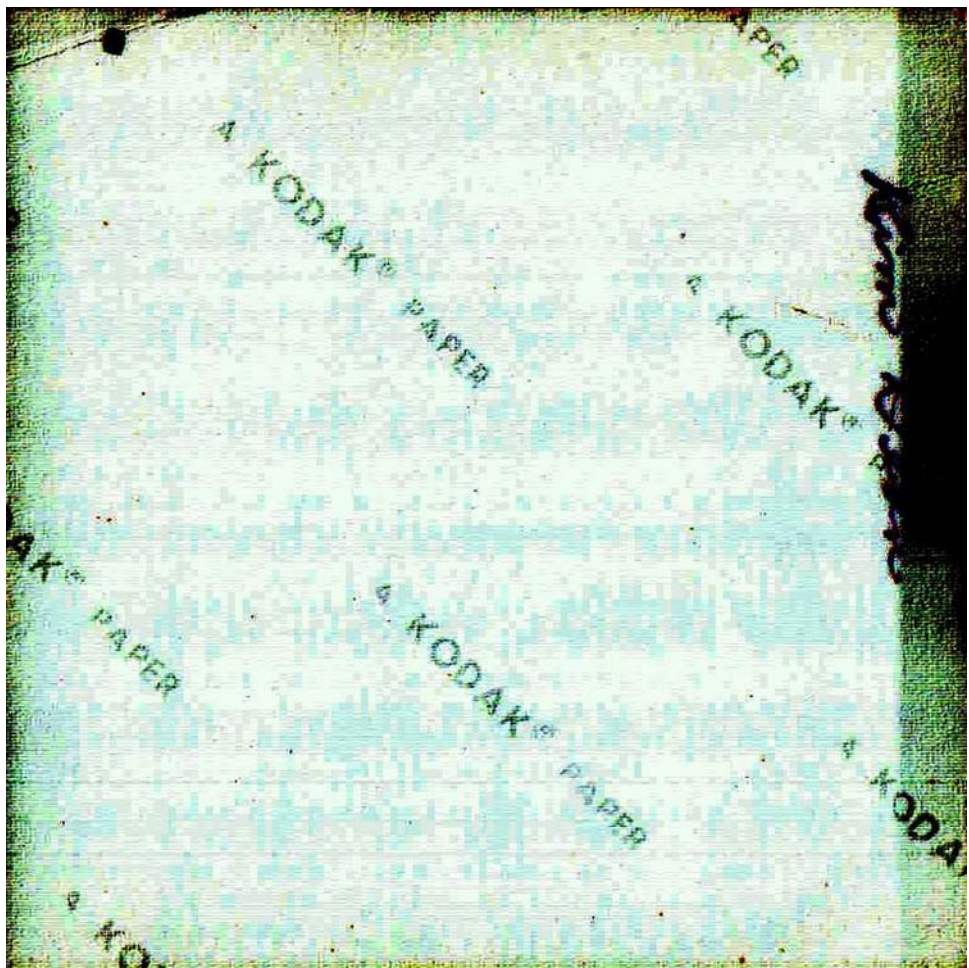
Chad, Shane, Maria
Steve Ryder



Watson Underwood
Watson Underwood, Jr.



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Letter of Love
Judy Howard
1961



Nathan Jr.
age 3 yrs.

To: Richard

1965



Origen & Leonard

Topsy & Buttercup
when only Kittens

Leonard

Boy, those Kittens will
get a big kick showing
this picture to their
Grand Kittens. La, la.



Leonard
Henderson



Leonard Chopping
Hay July 1938
Dig That Field!
I mean, Make
Hay



O'Brien & Eula Underwood

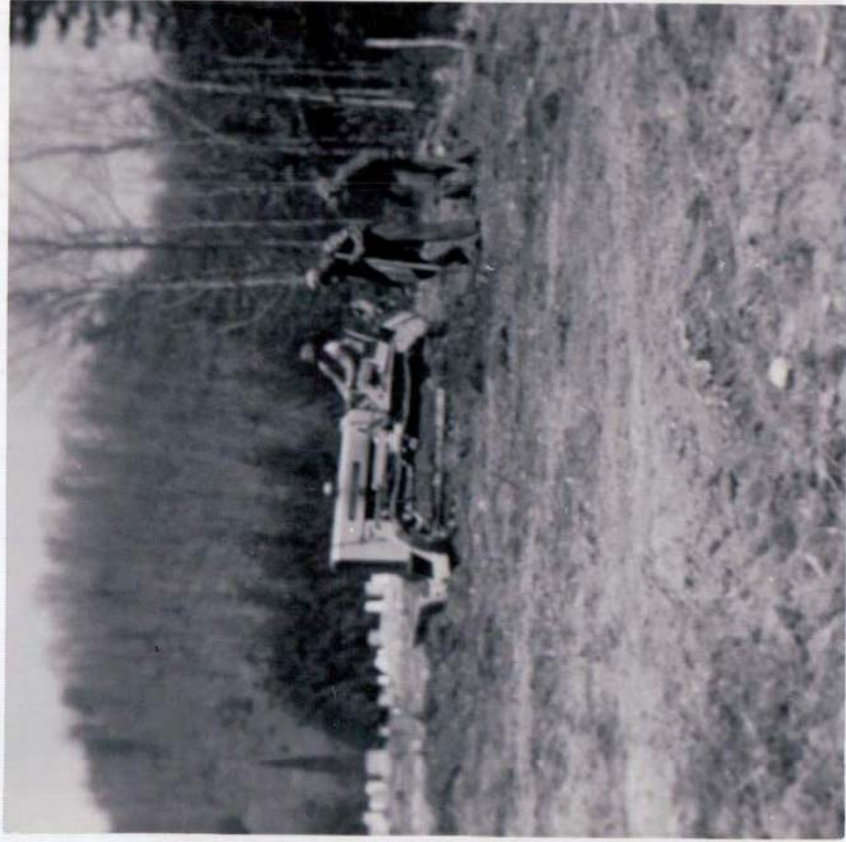


Origen Underwood
making Hay



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Work on Beaver Creek
Cemetery 1969



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Vickie Hansford
Eula Underwood
Judy Underwood





Len, Jerry and
Little Len

Len, Jerry and
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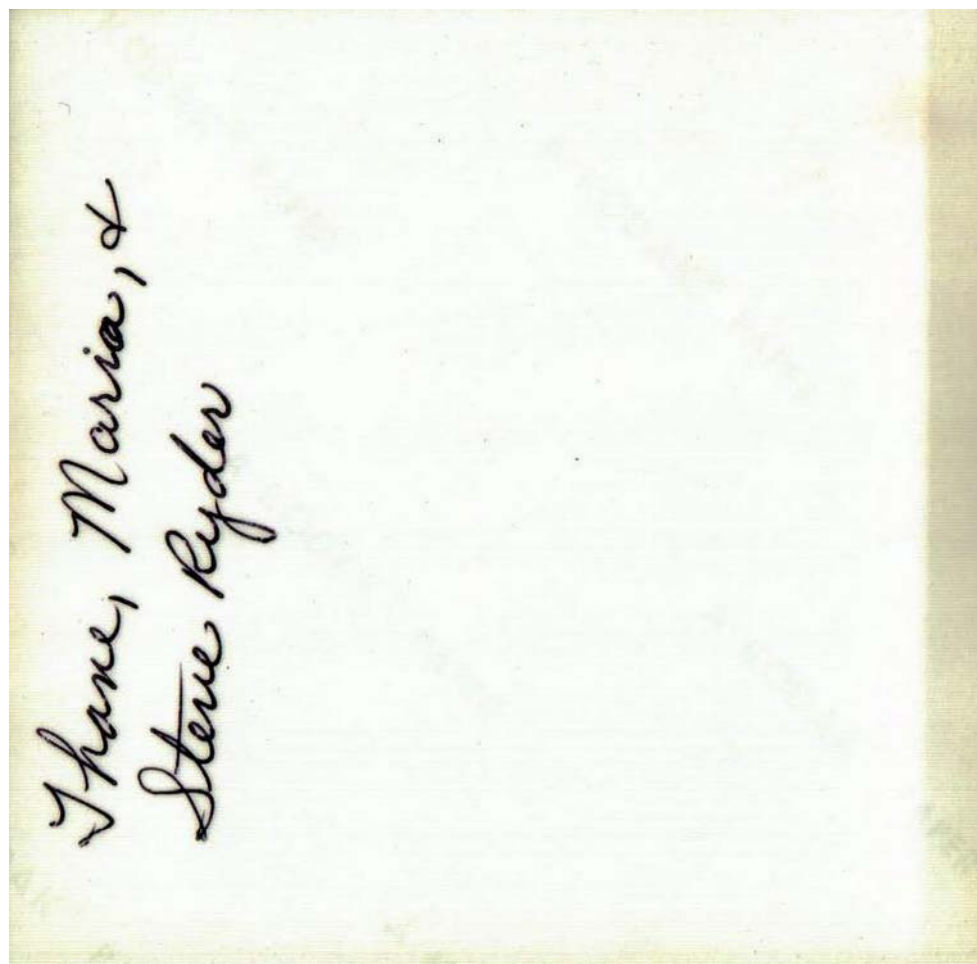


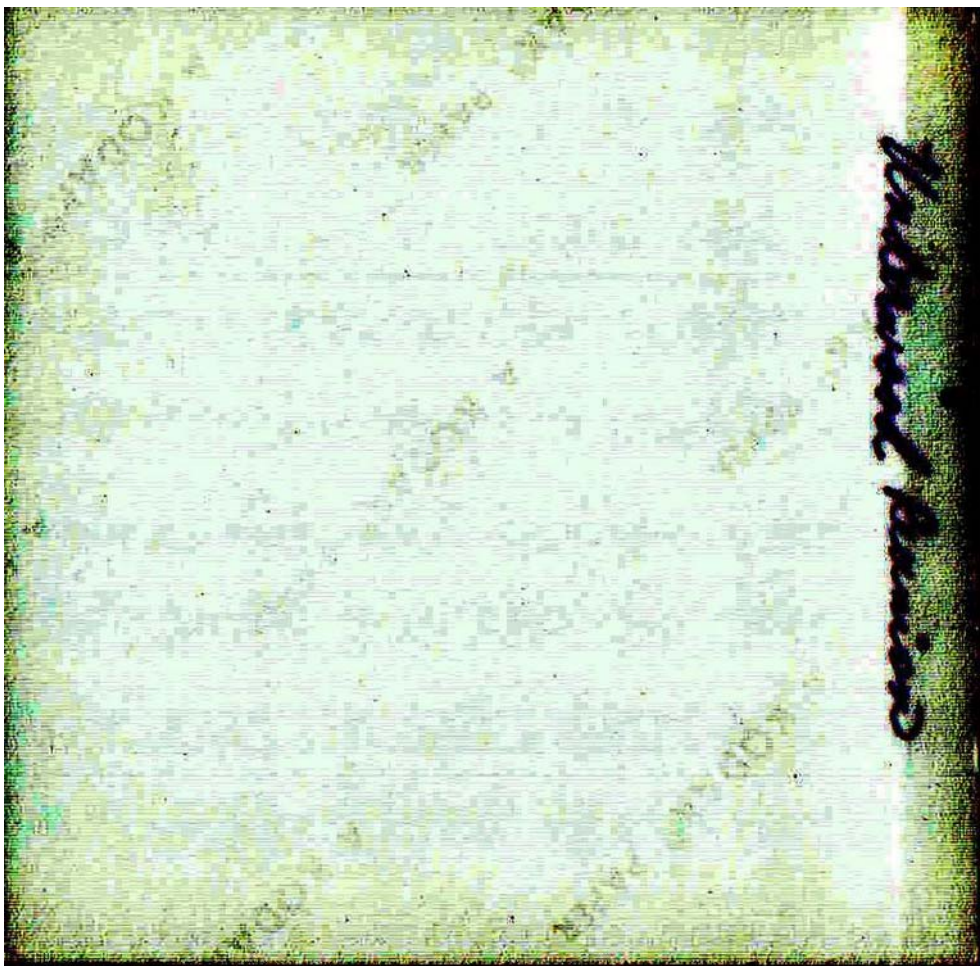
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Baby - ~~Charlotte~~ Charlotte Symes



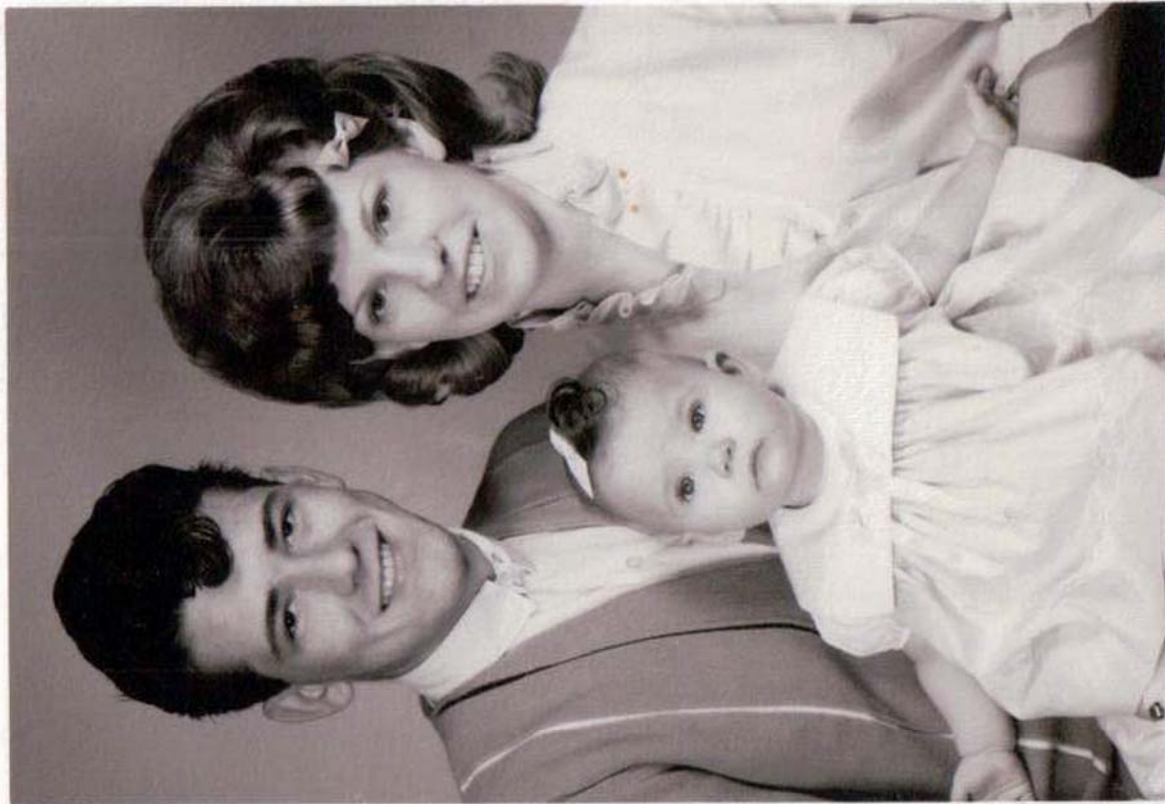
Thane, Maria, &
Steve Ryder







Work at Beaver Creek
Cemetery 1969



don mills

Wayne & Barb 2/19/66

Jana at 7 months.



Underwood Reunion



Origen Underwood
making hay

Origen Underwood
making hay

Making hay
at
Origen Underwoods





Pearl Alderman

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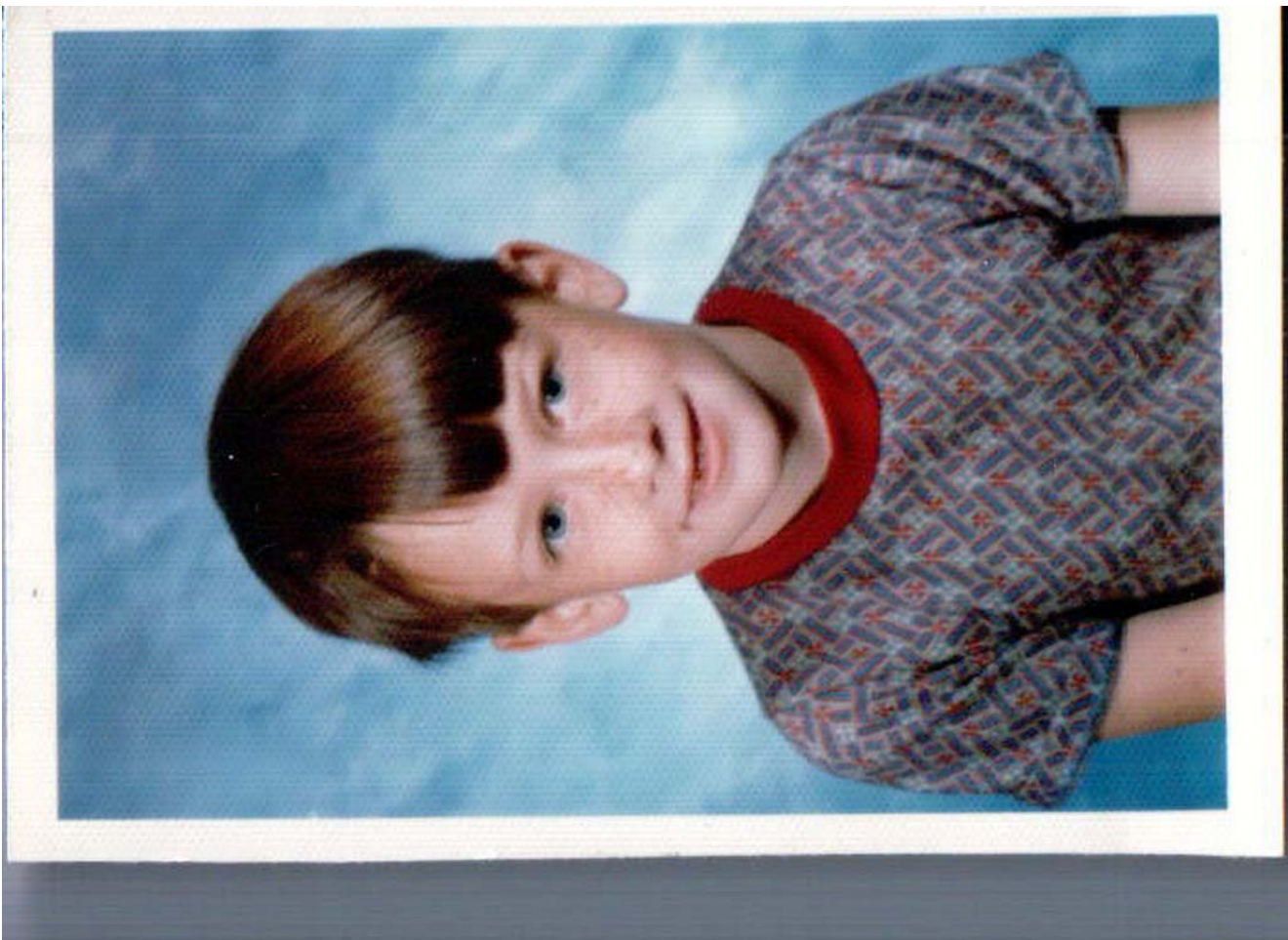
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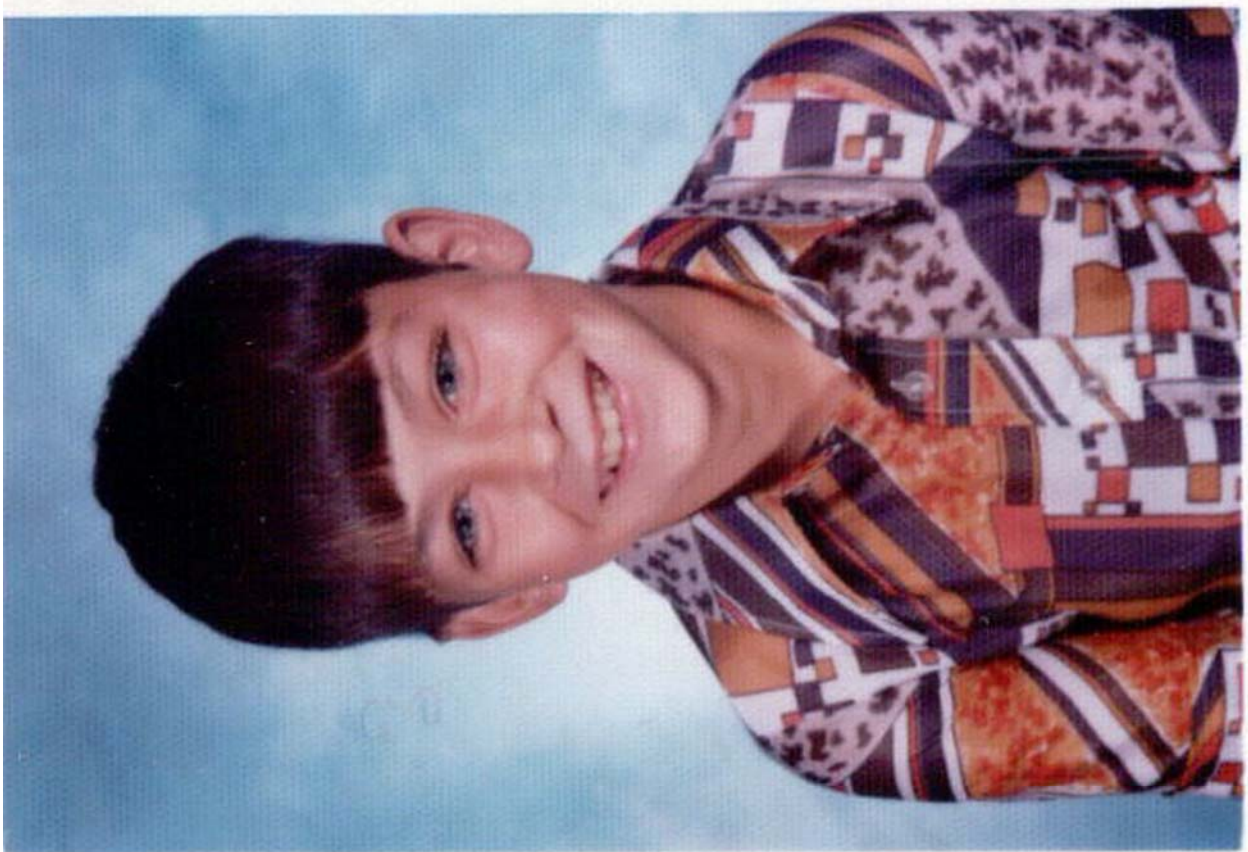
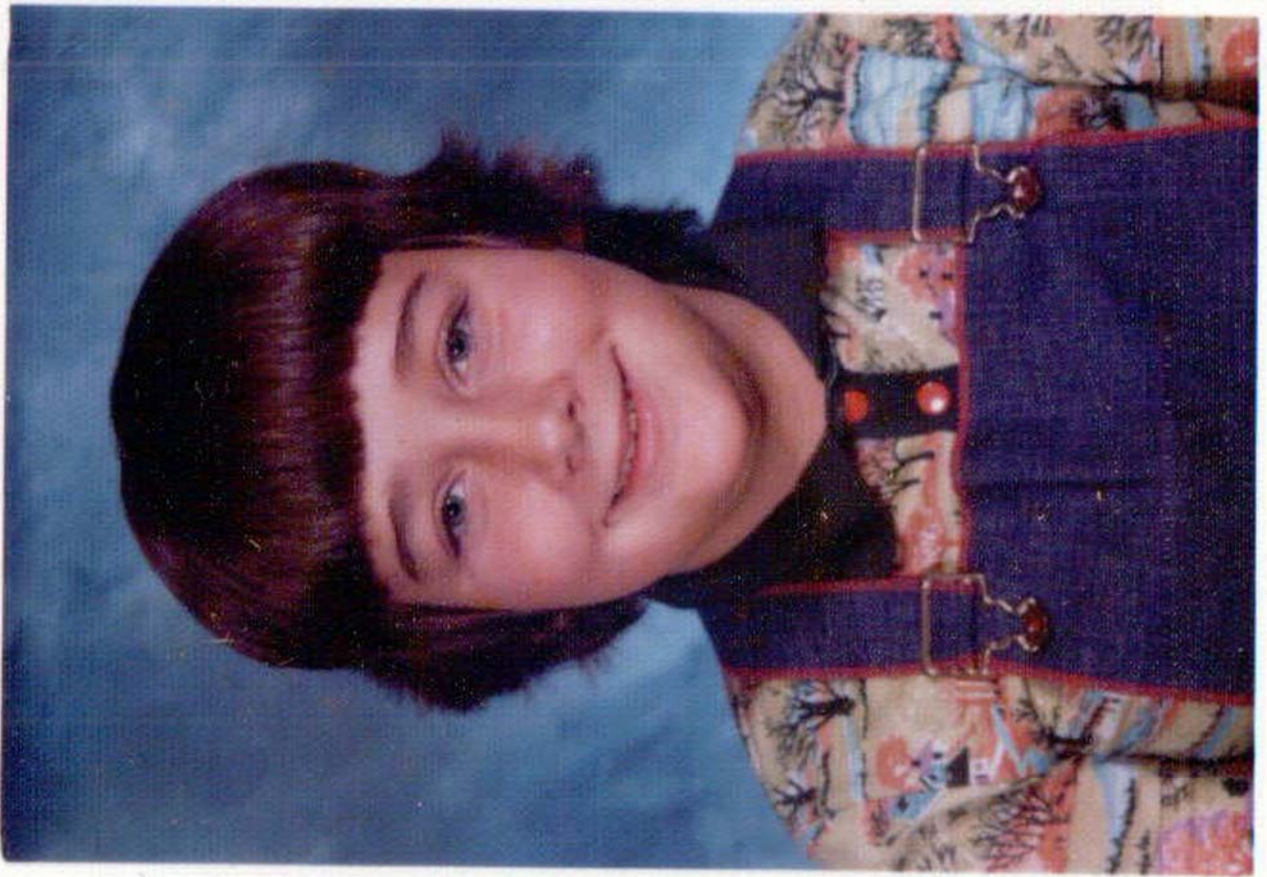
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Love



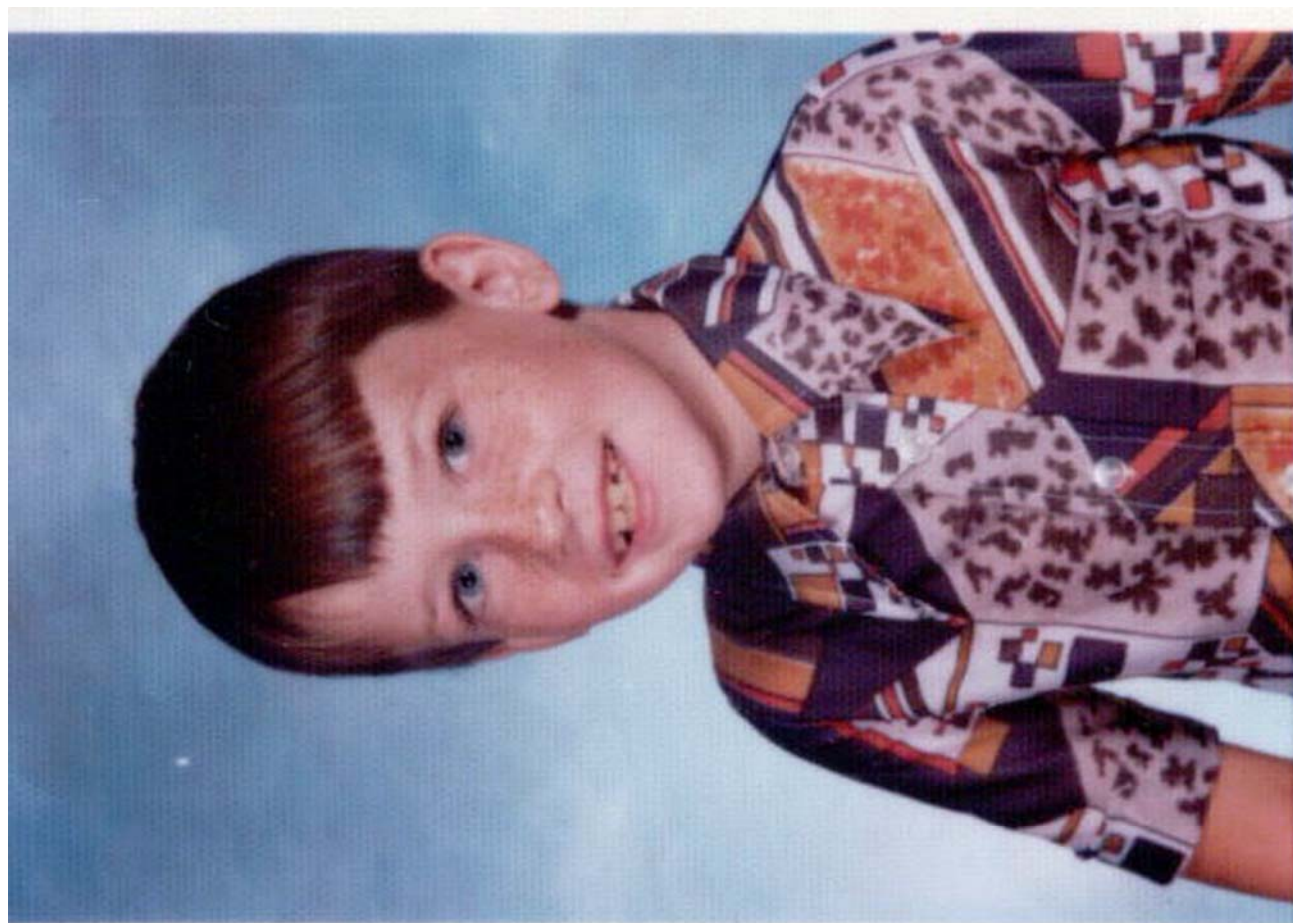
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MATTHEW DUVAL











To:

Grandma + Grandpa.

From:

Debra. age 5

Hindergarden



Selma
my friend in Christ.

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Deanna & Tom's
house
back yard
Rose garden
summer 1984



Mary Alderman
(Neil's wife)

1893
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Walleye 23 1/2" 2 7/8 lbs

To Dad from
Len. pretty good
fight





3 Lawrence Alderman
Teddy Alderman

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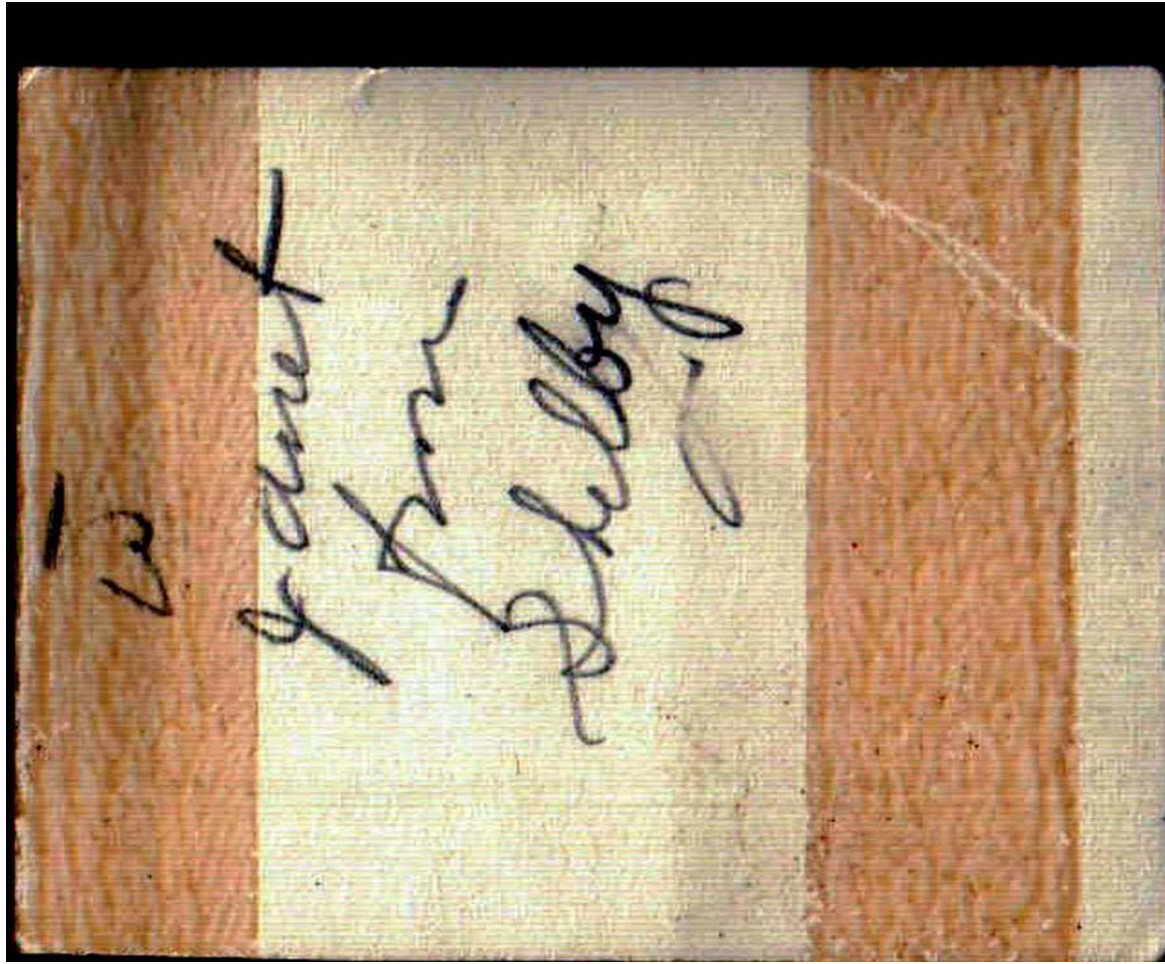




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Mother on her 87 birthday.
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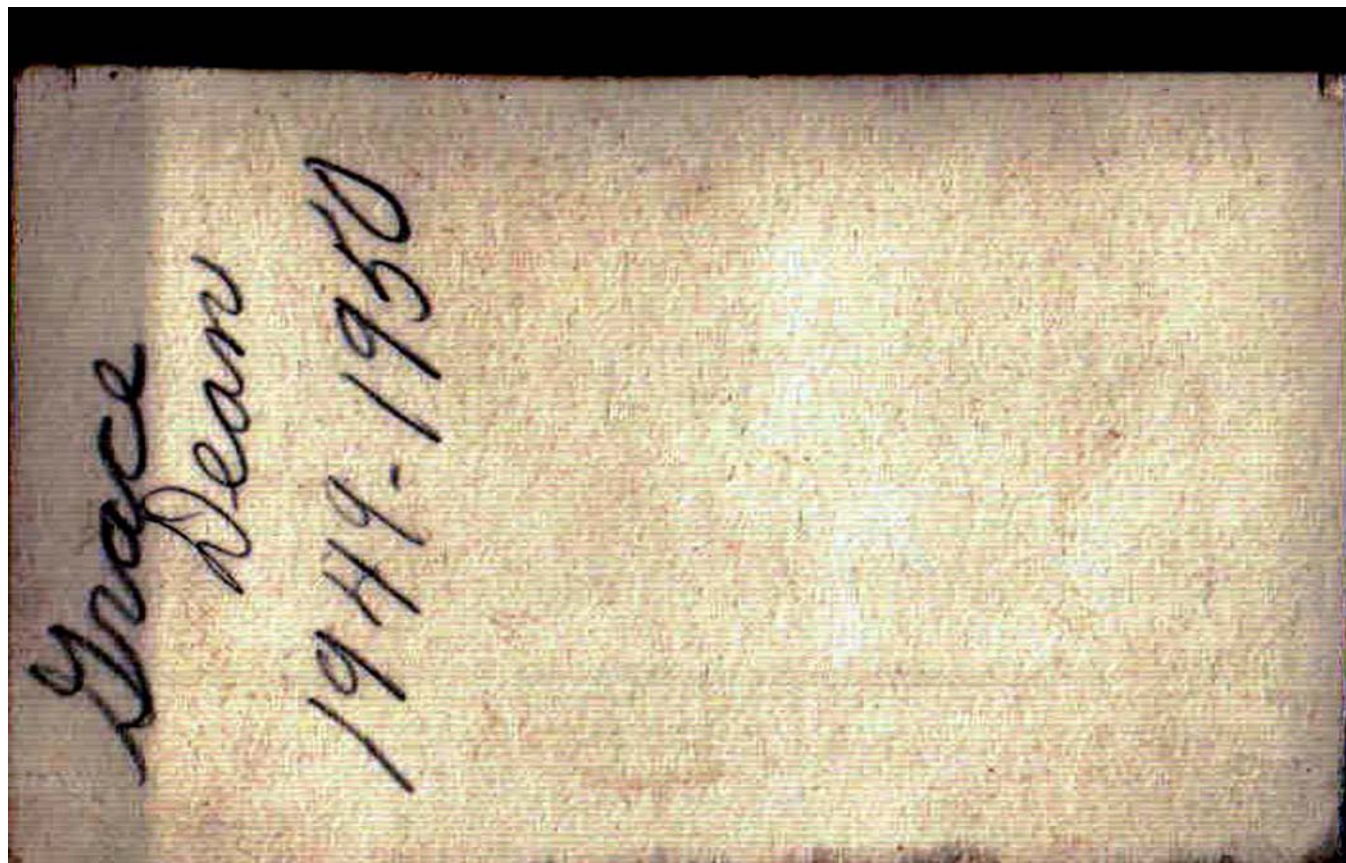


Janet Underwood
Beck



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I am
Shelby





Mary Caslerwood



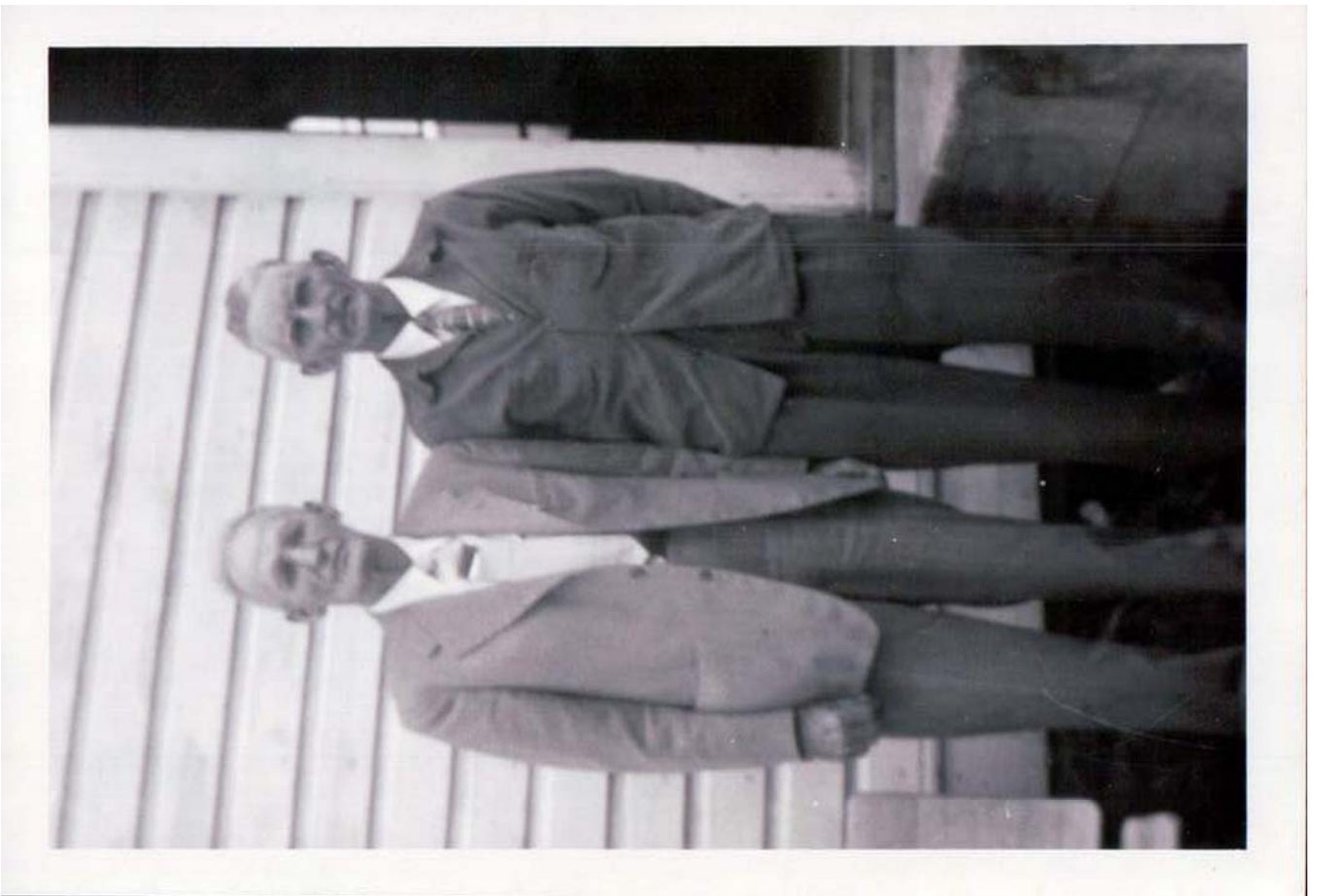


Richard & Leonard
Underwood
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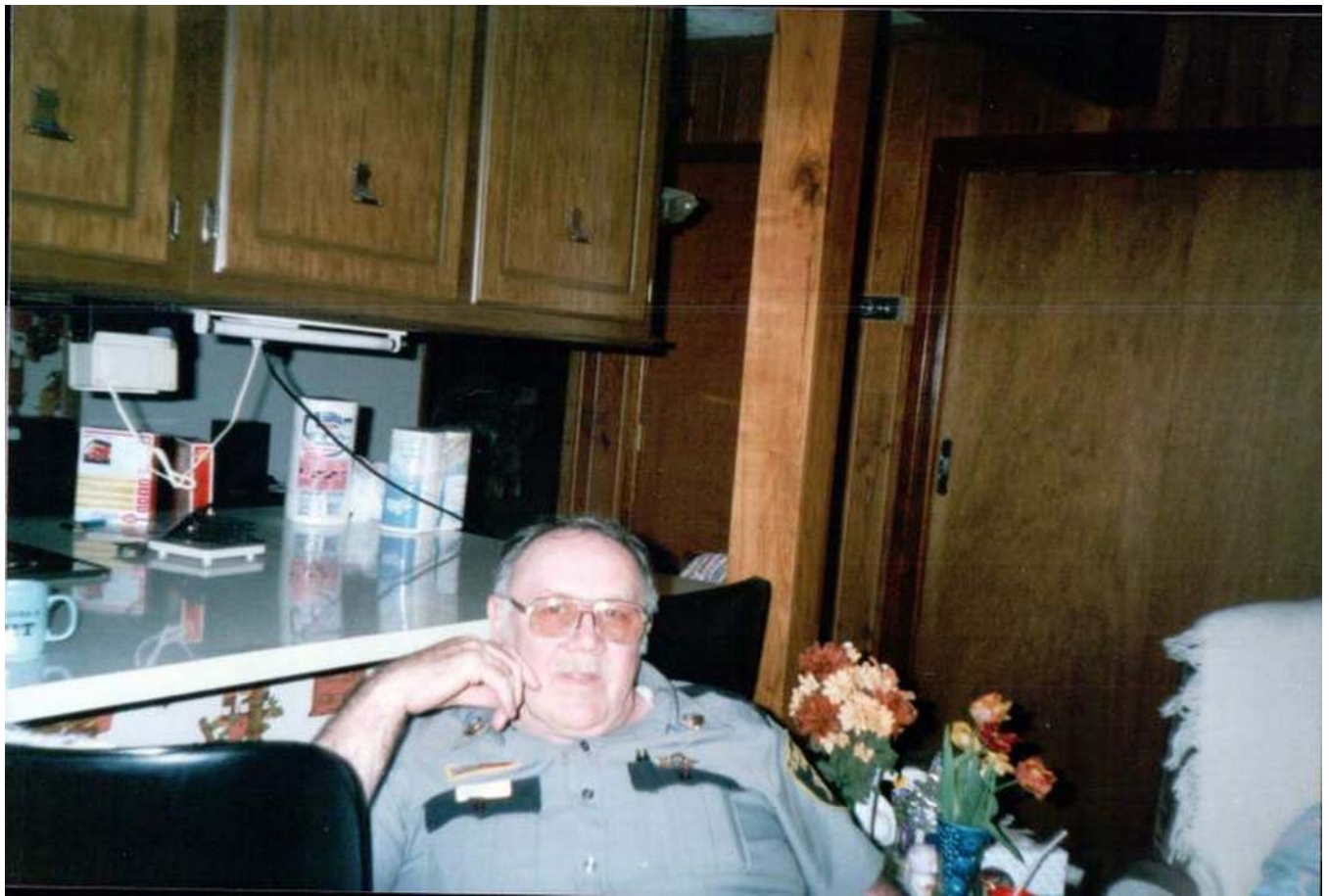


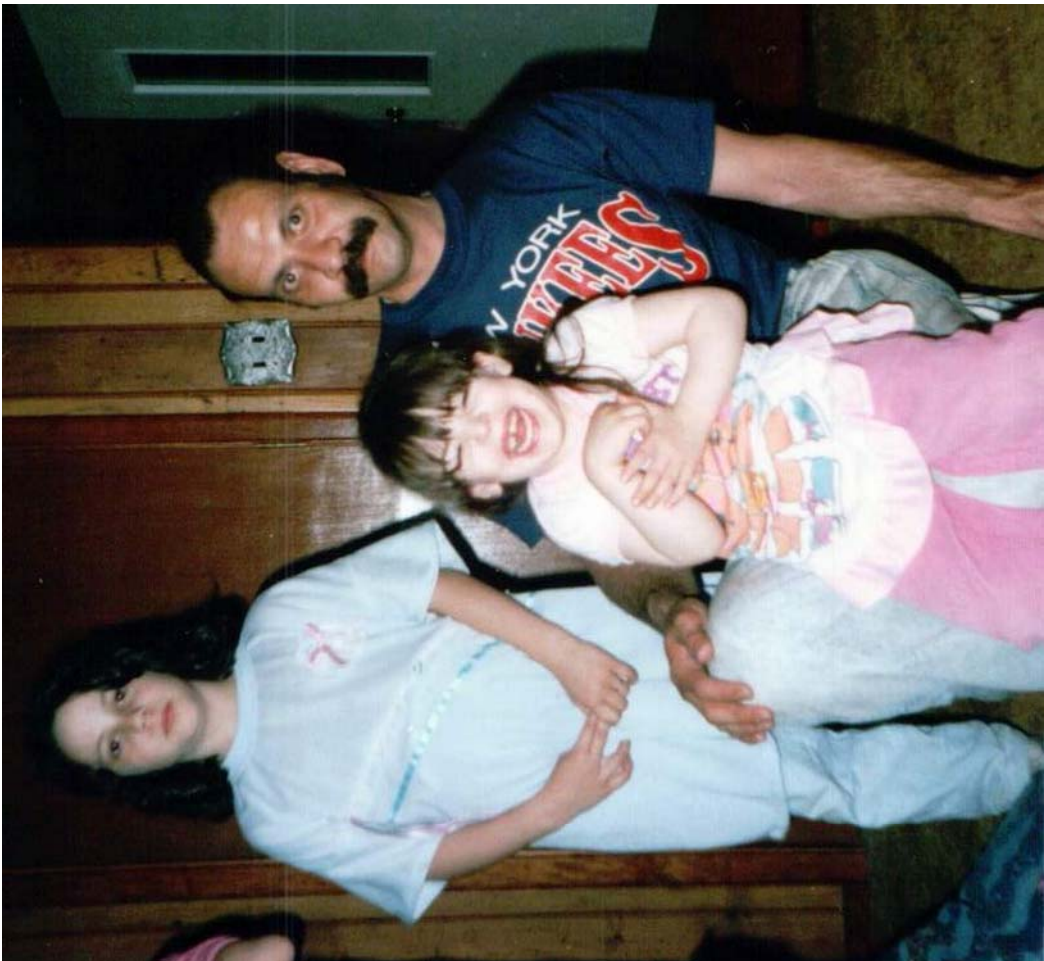












































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